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## GOOD MORNING

## WEATHER

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It's the season: Magic Valley communities are setting up sites for tree recycling.

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Cooking at home: This cooking cook earns high marks from her family for her delicious home cooking.

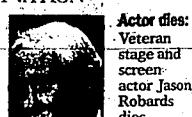
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## Man charged with spreading AIDS may have TF ties

The Times-News  
and The Associated Press

NAMPA — A man with possible ties to Twin Falls was charged with three counts of knowingly transferring body fluid containing the AIDS virus, city police officers said Tuesday.

Anthony Garcia's exact connections to Twin Falls, if any, were unclear Tuesday evening, although his friends said Garcia was from Twin Falls.

Twin Falls city and county authorities said that as of Tuesday night they weren't conducting their own investigations

into the cases.

Garcia, 25, was arrested Monday night. He was arraigned on the three felony counts and was held Tuesday night in the Canyon County jail on \$250,000 bond.

Garcia was arrested after three

male roommates, all of whom had had sex with a fourth man, found documentation indicating that the man was HIV positive, Nampa Police Sgt. Tim Randall said.

Garcia's friends said he was from Twin Falls, and had moved

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## NEW YEAR'S EVE LITE



George Salinas Jr. pours a drink at The Pressbox Sports Bar in Twin Falls. Because New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday this year, revelers will not be able to purchase hard liquor in Twin Falls County bars.

## Sunday sales won't include hard liquor

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — While some people will raise martinis to ring in the new year, Twin Falls County residents will have to settle for a beer, a glass of Cabernet or something other than hard

liquor.

Twin Falls County, like several other Magic Valley counties, does not allow Sunday sales of liquor by the drink. And that will include New Year's Eve, which falls on Sunday.

For some local bar managers, the liquor ordinance leaves a bad

taste in their mouths.

On a typical New Year's Eve, liquor sales are up about 20 percent. But with liquor sales banned, the Pressbox Sports Bar in Twin Falls will be open only until 6 p.m. Sunday, manager Sandi Schlund said.

"It just won't be profitable for

us to stay open," Schlund said.

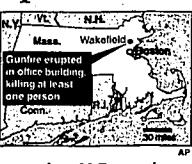
The liquor law will affect sales at Mugger's Brewpub in Twin Falls, which only recently started selling liquor, said manager Charlie Froehle.

"We're definitely going to lose several thousand dollars in business."

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## Killings suspect may have had tax problems

The Associated Press



money from McDermott's paycheck until after the holidays.

However, McDermott had an angry outburst in the company's accounting department last week before the prospect of losing some

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Police take shooting suspect Michael McDermott from an office building Tuesday in Wakefield, Mass.

## Fugitives collect about \$30 million in Social Security, review discovers

The Associated Press

The agency has paid out at least \$76 million in SS benefits designed for poor Americans with disabilities since 1996 — and perhaps as much as \$283 million in an internal review has found.

And the Social Security Administration is at risk of paying millions more to accused felons because it doesn't have complete lists of fugitives from the states, its inspector general warns.

"We estimate that SSA will continue to pay fugitives at least \$30 million annually in SS payments if state fugitive files are not used to prevent such payments," the agency's internal

watchdog wrote in a recent report obtained by The Associated Press.

The agency hopes to negotiate agreements by July to get such records from all 50 states, officials said.

Congress in 1996 barred felony fugitives from receiving SS benefits, which are provided to more than 6 million elderly, blind or disabled Americans with low incomes.

Since then, only 2,000 of the estimated 25,000 fugitives who received SS payments — fewer than 10 percent — have been caught, auditors said.

## Fugitive felons getting benefits

In 1996, Congress passed a law denying Supplemental Security Income payments to fugitive felons. Elderly or disabled Americans with low incomes are eligible for the payments of up to \$500 a month. Federal auditors used a random sample of 10 states and estimated that fugitives nationwide collected between \$76 million and \$283 million in SS benefits since 1996. Here are the results of the study.

Number of fugitives	Projected benefits since 1996
Alabama	244 \$760,214
Colorado	681 4,192,638
Idaho	51 343,070
Illinois	2,267 9,423,299
Iowa	244 1,206,628
Maine	70 353,103
Nebraska	14 68,949
New Mexico	23 135,844
Oregon	1,308 11,683,145
Texas	2,814 10,973,394

Note: Surplus and New York City have agreed to supply Social Security computer records of fugitives and avoid double payments. The states are Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, South Carolina, Tennessee.

Source: Social Security Inspector General

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## Skier digs in before rescue

Minister joins search, finds parishioner with broken ski

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With half a liter of water, three granola bars and a broken ski in the middle of a forest, Peter Pinsak sat in a hole in the snow for 13 hours and waited for help.

It wasn't until 2 a.m. on Christmas Day that a search and rescue crew, his minister and fellow parishioners found Pinsak in the snow shelter he had dug in the ground. Pinsak was cold, but OK, and with no lingering fears for his cross-country ski.

"In fact, I'm just on my way up now," Pinsak said this afternoon.

Pinsak, 39, had been in the middle of a solo trek Sunday afternoon in Rock Creek Canyon. At the top of the ridge at Walstrom's Hollow, about 45 minutes from the trailhead, his ski broke. He said Tuesday his likely put his foot over an air pocket, causing his ski to snap.

Pinsak considered the snow depth, considered the energy it'd take to walk out, and decided against it. So he dug a hole in the snow for insulation and waited.

That was at 1 p.m. At around 3:30 p.m., Pinsak told the next skier who passed to get help. Twin Falls County Sheriff's deputies first got word of the stranded skier at around 5:30 p.m., and the Cassia County Sheriff's Department and Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue took over the search at around 8 p.m.

Pinsak's minister, Jim Frisbie, helped find Pinsak, but credited the rescue to cooperation.

"This was not a Lone Ranger type of thing," Frisbie said.

Frisbie, also a cross-country skier, was brought in when he correctly guessed which trail Pinsak had been on. Pinsak's wife had thought Frisbie might know.

He said he had expected search and rescue to find Pinsak within an hour of launching the search. When that didn't happen, he called the Cassia County Sheriff's Department to see if anyone on the rescue team had first-hand knowledge of the trails. Frisbie would not say.

Conditions were not good for a rescue. Visibility was less than 20 feet and rescuers would stop their snowmobiles on their might hear Pinsak holler, according to a Cassia County sheriff's report.

Pinsak said he recalls first hearing snowmobiles at around 8 p.m. But nobody could get to where he was, and nobody could hear him, he said.

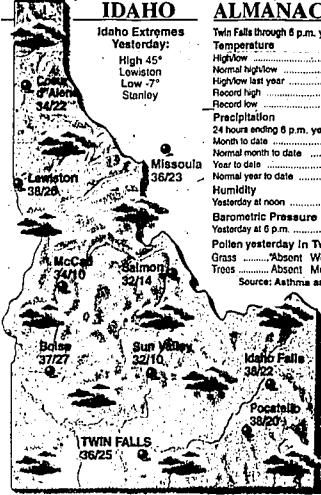
So by 10:30 p.m. Frisbie was on his way to Magic Mountain with his oldest son, a few hours after leading the Christmas Eve service at the First United

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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	Today	Thu.
Boise	37 27 c	38 28 c	34 10 c	36 21 c
Bonneville Ferry	32 18 s	33 24 s	30 13 s	32 19 s
Burley	35 22 c	36 24 c	33 16 c	35 20 c
Coeur d'Alene	34 8 c	39 13 s	38 7 c	39 12 c
Elko	48 22 c	49 24 c	47 14 c	48 19 c
Eugene, OR	38 22 c	38 24 c	36 13 c	38 19 c
Hagerman	38 22 c	38 24 c	36 13 c	38 19 c
Idaho Falls	34 20 s	35 23 s	32 14 c	34 19 c
Kalispell, MT	38 26 s	39 32 c	36 15 c	38 21 c
Lewis	38 22 c	38 24 c	36 13 c	38 19 c
Lowman	38 26 s	39 32 c	36 15 c	38 21 c
Malad	38 22 c	38 24 c	36 13 c	38 19 c
Mata	29 11 s	29 20 s	27 9 s	24 19 pc



## Double Oscar winner Robards dies at 78

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — Jason Robards, the veteran stage and screen actor who won back-to-back Oscars for "All the President's Men" and "Julia," died Tuesday after battling cancer. He was 78.

Robards died at Bridgeport Hospital, nursing supervisor Sally Dalton said.

Robards started out as a stage actor in the 1950s, gaining critical acclaim for his performances in Eugene O'Neill plays, including "The Iceman Cometh" and "Long Day's Journey Into Night." He won a Tony award for his performance in "Julia."

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"Disenchanted." After the film was shot, Robards said he preferred theater to the movies.

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He went on to make more than 50 feature films, winning Academy Awards for his portrayal of Washington Post Executive Editor Ben Bradlee in "All the President's Men" in 1976 and novelist Diner Jason Leigh as his daughter.

In 1999, Robards was one of five performers selected to



Jason Robards

receive the Kennedy Center Honors.

Despite his prolific film work, Robards stayed loyal to the theater. "The theater has kept me alive and it's allowed me to work at my craft," he said in a 1997 interview.

Robards, who was known as a classical actor, shunned the notion of "method" acting and actors who look for motivation for their stage work. "I look at the words," he said in a 1993 interview with The Providence Journal-Bulletin. "All I know is, I don't do a lot of analysis. I know those words have to move me. I rely on the author. I don't want actors reasoning with me about 'motivation' and all that. All I want 'em to do is learn the goddamn lines and don't bump into each other."

Robards was born Jason Nelson Robards Jr. on July 26, 1922, in Chicago, the son of Jason Nelson Robards Sr., a prominent actor.

Despite his father's prolific career in more than 170 movies, the young Robards had no interest in acting while he was growing up. At Hollywood High School in Los Angeles, Robards was on the baseball, football, basketball and track teams, and thought about becoming a professional athlete. After graduating in 1939, he went on active duty with the U.S. Naval Reserve as an apprentice seaman.

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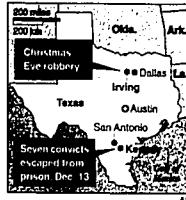
## Officials suspect escapees in Texas murder

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — When seven Texas inmates tied up prison employees, stole their clothes and escaped with an arsenal of weapons earlier this month, they left a note warning: "You haven't heard the last of us yet."

Two weeks later, all seven are wanted in the murder of a police officer in a Christmas Eve holdup at a suburban Dallas sporting goods store about 300 miles away.

The surprising thing to investigators and experts on crime was that the convicts — who by all accounts did not even know each other before they went to prison — apparently stuck together instead of splitting up.

"They've generated a discipline among themselves and a loyalty that has held up since Dec. 13," said John McAuliffe,



inspector general for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The escaped convicts were behind bars for murders, rapes and robberies across Texas and were serving sentences ranging from 30 years to life in prison. They were seen as well-armed

and desperate.

The FBI and state and local police departments hunted for the convicts.

"In light of the fact that Texas executes more prisoners than any other state, we have to recognize how vulnerable we are," said Dennis Longmire, a criminal justice professor at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. "These men really have nothing to lose."

The convicts used a meticulous plan to break out of a maximum-security state prison ringed with razor wire 60 miles southeast of San Antonio.

Wearing street clothes stolen from prison employees, they bluffed their way into a guard tower, saying they needed to do maintenance work. Then they tied up a guard, stole 14 pistols, a

loaded shotgun, a loaded rifle and 238 rounds of ammunition, fleeing in a stolen pickup that ditched a few miles away.

The convicts were featured on TV's "America's Most Wanted" on Dec. 16, but the tips it generated did not pan out.

The next day anyone heard from the convicts was Christmas Eve, investigators said. The men are wanted in the slaying of Officer Aubrey Hawkins, 29, who was shot in a robbery at a sporting goods store in Irving. Capital murder warrants were issued for all seven.

The Border Patrol was warned to be on the lookout for the men, though the convicts apparently spent the past two weeks moving north, away from the Mexican border, which is a three-hour drive from the prison.

## Ice, snow create winter nightmare in S. Plains

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — An ice storm made Oklahoma highways slick and dangerous for a second straight day Tuesday, shutting down many businesses and state offices and knocking out power to thousands of homes and businesses.

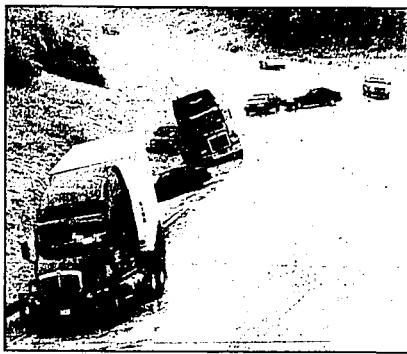
The storm also coated roads and power lines with snow and ice from New Mexico into Louisiana and Arkansas, halting motorists and canceling scores of airline flights. Arkansas National Guard troops were sent out in four-wheel-drive vehicles to rescue motorists stranded on icy highways by the state's second big ice storm in two weeks.

"Everything is all iced-up," said Garza County, Texas, deputy constable Cliff Laws. "We can't salt the roads fast enough."

In Oklahoma's rural Grady County, Ronald Goeller, 66, fired up a propane stove for heat after his power went out early Tuesday.

"I've got two or three neighbors who are older than me and the only heat they've got is electric heat. But I won't be without my propane," he said.

As many as 25,000 people were



Cars and tractor-trailers lie scattered Tuesday across an icy ramp where U.S. 167 joins Interstate 40 near North Little Rock, Ark.

blacked out across Oklahoma early Tuesday. That was down to

about 20,000 by midmorning but problems continued, said

Oklahoma Gas & Electric spokesman Tim Hartley.

"It's actually getting worse now and we're losing some ground," Hartley said at midmorning.

Ice coating power lines and trees in McAlester was almost an inch thick. City Manager Randy Green said power was out to the city's water system and the town "got down dangerously low" on water.

To the east, Energy Arkansas reported about 49,000 customers without power. "Glenwood and Mount Ida are in the dark right now," Energy spokesman James Thompson said.

More than 40,000 electric customers had no electricity in northeast Texas and some 34,000 customers were in the dark in northwestern Louisiana.

None of the Oklahoma state employees were told to stay home as were students at schools and business workers throughout the state, though many schools were still on winter break. Officials at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City granted emergency leave to nonessential personnel and allowed others to show up two hours late.

## After busy year, Census prepares to release numbers

WASHINGTON (AP) — It spent millions on advertising, recruited temporary workers to knock on strangers' doors and weathered its share of political controversy. Now, the Census Bureau is poised to release figures that will remake the congressional map and document changing population.

The first results from the Census 2000 national headcount, to be released Thursday, are raw, state population totals. They are expected to confirm trends that estimates have hinted at since the last census a decade ago — booming populations in the South and West, slower growth in the North and Midwest.

That report will be followed by more detailed statistics in March, which will reveal America's new racial makeup. The 2000 questionnaires allowed people for the

first time to check off if they were of more than one race, providing a rich portrait of racial identification never before available.

These numbers will have complex political implications. The Supreme Court ruled last year that the raw, state data will be used to redistrict the 435 seats in the House among the 50 states.

The March report may include two sets of numbers: the raw figures, and a second set adjusted by way of a statistical method known as sampling. The same court decision left it to states to decide which numbers to use when they redraw congressional and state legislative lines beginning next year.

But first, the incoming Bush administration will have to decide whether to even release the adjusted numbers, which

many believe will help Democrats. President-elect Bush hasn't said what he will do.

Bid past the political implications, though, and Census Director Kenneth Prewitt believes the results will yield a demographic portrait of America as complex and diverse as ever.

More detailed statistics will be released incrementally over the next two years, ranging in topics from property and income to immigration and same-sex households.

"We are convinced that when the data are out, it will underscore what we've been seeing,

which is that Census 2000 has been operationally a successful census," Prewitt says.

Not without some glitches though.

Earlier in the year, some of the roughly 120 million mailings sent to Americans to remind them of the count were misaddressed because of a printing error. And in March, just after most of the forms were mailed, some congressional Republicans questioned the intrusiveness of some questions on the 53-item long form: "How much money do you make?" or "Do you have plumbing at home?"

Evacuating homeowners carry belongings to a car early Tuesday morning as a fierce wildfire approaches luxury homes in Thousand Oaks, Calif. The wildfire, whipped by dry Santa Ana winds, spread to more than 600 acres, according to the Ventura County Fire Department.

## Officials question four as winds whip wildfires

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Dry desert wind drove a 600-acre wildfire dangerously close to luxury homes Tuesday, and investigators questioned four teenagers about the blaze.

The fire broke out in the middle of the night, but by midmorning no homes had been lost and the blaze was reported to be 70 percent contained.

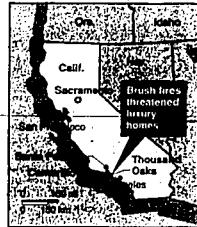
More than 600 firefighters, four water-dropping helicopters and two air tankers battled the flames.

Three 16-year-old boys and an 18-year-old man were being questioned by arson investigators, Ventura County Fire Department spokeswoman Sandi Wells said.

Investigators said the blaze appeared to have been set.

Thousands of residents were warned that they might have to evacuate as the flames advanced to within 100 feet of back yards, fanned by Santa Ana winds that gusted to 20 mph. But as daylight broke and the helicopters arrived, the wind and flames began to subside.

"I pulled up my curtains and saw a wall of flames coming right at me," said Nathan Brian Wine, after watching the blaze come within 250 feet of his con-



dominium.

"I didn't know if I was going to have enough time to get myself up and my 11-year-old son out."

Mandatory brush-clearance ordinances protected property in the hilly, brush-covered area where luxury homes are separated by swaths of open country. The town of 120,000 is some 40 miles west of Los Angeles.

Homeowner Gwen Schakett took no chances before the fire fighters got the upper hand.

"I turned the water on and the kids and I are packing up and leaving," Schakett said.

## Passengers confront flight crew after delay

SEATAC, Wash. (AP) — They expected a Christmas of sun and surf in Hawaii. Instead, dozens of would-be travelers got chilly drizzle, two canceled flights and a visit from police before their plane finally left for the islands Tuesday — two days late.

There were heated words on Monday after the second flight cancellation and police were called to calm the passengers down, but no one was arrested, said Bob Parker, a spokesman for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

"There isn't much you can do to repair not being able to be with family on Christmas, but we're certainly not going to operate if there's any hint of a discrepancy," Wagner said, referring to mechanical problems. "We've got to take

care of that first."

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## NATION

## Industries can expect lighter touch from Bush

By Esther Schrader  
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**WASHINGTON** — When George W. Bush moves into the White House, thousands of rules that govern everything from the energy in dishwashers to the labels on clothes are likely to be overhauled in ways that favor powerful industries and anger consumer groups.

When it comes to setting policy for the 54 federal agencies that regulate health, the environment, labor standards, energy use and safety on the roads, rails, waters and in the air, Bush has made no secret of his pro-business leanings.

And with many of the donors whose dollars propelled him into the presidency keenly interested in weakening regulatory standards that they believe cripple business, the likelihood that Bush will undo a host of tough regulations imposed during the Clinton years is high.

"We intend to submit regulations imposed during the previous administration to a strict and thorough review," said Juleanna Glover Weiss, a spokeswoman for Dick Cheney, the vice president-elect and transition chief.

Dismantling regulations could take years of jumping through procedural hoops; changing the laws upon which the rules are based would require acts of Congress.

But the new administration could use other means to alter federal rules. Its appointees to regulatory agencies can make significant changes in agency programs without congressional approval and without actually dismantling regulations. In fiscal 2000, that amounted to \$20 billion in programs overall.

By exercising discretion over funding to these agencies, Bush appointees could make it difficult to enforce regulations aggressively. They also could receive more consideration of the effect on an industry when deciding whether and how to enforce regulations already on the books. And they could either reduce or freeze the work force at various agencies and reduce fines for breaking rules.

That prospect is favored by business but viewed with dismay by consumer advocates.

"We expect them to systematically stop certain things and to underfund others," said Joan Claybrook, who headed the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration under President Carter and now works for Public Citizen, the Ralph Nader group.

"They will probably take a really harsh look at anything that happened in the last three months of the Clinton administration ... Getting regulatory activity going again will be very difficult, at least in a positive way."

Arlie Schardt, founder of Environmental Media Services, which disseminates information on environmental issues, said agencies "don't have to do anything other than not enforce any regulations. Who can make them do it?"

Although it is logical to expect that any Republican administration would arrive in Washington with less compunction to impose regulations that businesses consider onerous, such regulatory restraint could be particularly problematical.

Bush was well-entitled into the presidency by donations from entrepreneurs and financial and business interests at a level never before seen. His backers, whether small-business owners or representatives of Fortune 500 companies, were enthusiastic about his business-friendly record in Texas, where he simplified regulations on industry, championed tort reform, cut taxes and promulgated a philosophy of partnership with businesses that often allowed them to regulate themselves.

Already business groups and leaders are drawing up lists of rules they want withdrawn or reconsidered — as well as legisla-

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tion favorable to the business community that they want to see passed once Bush takes office.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce will ask the Bush administration to reopen the rule books on a number of hot-button issues, such as ergonomics requirements, processing of affirmative-action claims against federal contractors and regulations that define when employees are eligible for overtime.

"No one expects the Bush administration to engage in any kind of wholesale rollback. But we do expect a more reasonable approach to regulations that are issued," said Randy Johnson, vice president of labor and employee benefits at the chamber.

"A lot of the most crucial stuff

happens below the regulatory level," Johnson said. Auto safety is one controversial area where the way regulations are implemented will have substantial effect. Rules recently passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton require the traffic-safety administration to devise new standards for automobile rollovers.

But the standards are still to be hashed out. That means everything could be revised, from what kind of rollover tests will be performed on cars and trucks to what speed vehicles will go during the tests.

"How to implement rollover standards will be highly technical, but can make a huge difference," said Phil Recht, former deputy administrator of the NHTSA. "You can say that no car can roll over in a certain test. And then the test becomes the issue."

"The agency administrators in the end are going to have to decide — when they have doubts, when they don't have perfect data — are they going to side with the concerns of the auto industry or consumer groups?"

Mike Stanton, vice president of governmental affairs at the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, agreed that the Bush administration is likely to have a lighter touch than its predecessor when it comes to implementing regulations.

Technology-industry leaders, too, expect the new administration to be hesitant about imposing the kinds of regulations on electronic commerce that have been seriously considered during the Clinton years. They expect less pressure on tax Internet commerce and to impose more stringent restrictions governing Internet privacy.

"My sense is the Bush administration is going to be very market-oriented," said Greg Garcia, director of global government relations at 3Com Corp.

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## EDITORIAL

### Idaho hit a home run with welfare reform

Lots of people say they'd like to be paid for not working, but deep down, few people really enjoy idleness. So, given the choice, most folks will trade welfare for the dignity of earning their own living.

That's true everywhere, and it seems particularly true in Idaho. Statistics from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services show that Idaho's former welfare recipients are finding work faster than their peers in any other state. The job entry rate for people who've gone from welfare to work is 78 percent in Idaho - almost double the national average of 43 percent.

As a class, Idaho's former welfare recipients also enjoy the highest earnings gains once they stop collecting welfare checks and start earning their own paychecks. That suggests they are landing great jobs, but the real explanation is that the state's welfare payments are relatively meager. Though the truth is somewhat less glamorous, people still wind up with more money in their pockets when they go from welfare to work in Idaho.

Idaho didn't dream up welfare reform on its own. It was inspired by a Republican Congress intent on returning welfare to its original mission: helping people when they really need help. It was a setback for the liberal culture of entitlement, and its

adherents, but it was a victory for the workaday taxpayers who fund welfare.

Like other states, Idaho was free to craft its own welfare reform program.

One key decision for Idaho involved the lifetime eligibility limit. Though Congress set a five-year maximum, the 1996 Idaho Legislature applied a particularly tough variety of love: a maximum of two years of benefits.

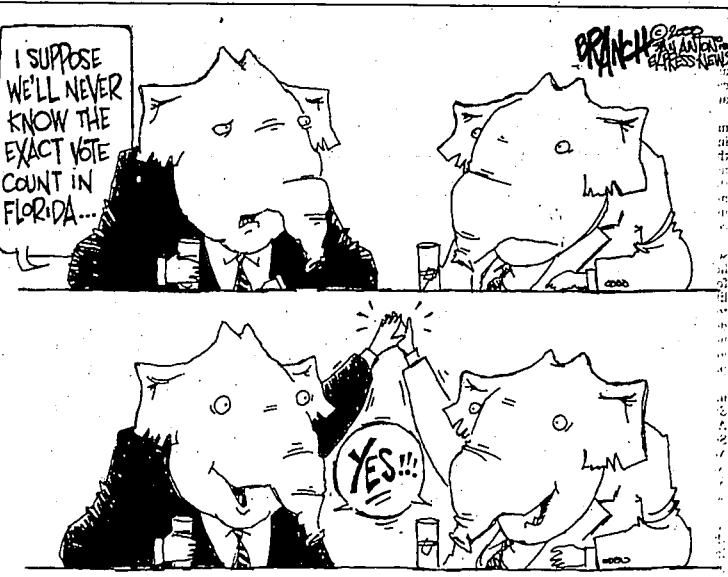
That's two years per lifetime, so most recipients weaned themselves off state support in order to preserve eligibility for when they really need it. Our guess is, the tougher limit is one reason for the comparative success of Idaho's program.

Is Idaho's revamped welfare system perfect? No. Are some people still living in poverty through no fault of their own? Sure.

But no one can deny that the pendulum is swinging in the right direction. Uncle Sam certainly thinks so, because he is giving the state a \$1.5 million performance bonus as a reward for its revamped welfare program.

The simple truth is that more people are getting off welfare and getting real jobs in Idaho. They are earning more money than they did when they were subsidized by the state, and they are doing so with the dignity that can only be earned through hard work.

Now that's real reform.



### Ashcroft will return morality to post

**L**eft-wing groups are mighty upset that President-elect Bush has nominated outgoing Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., to become Attorney General of the United States. The reason? Ashcroft is the polar opposite of Janet Reno and her politicized Justice Department. If confirmed (and you can count on the same people who "borked" Robert Bork, keeping him off the Supreme Court, to try the same with Ashcroft), he will be to the Justice Department what an exorcist is to demons.

The Left will try to smear Ashcroft as a racist because he opposed the elevation of a Missouri judge, who happens to be black, to the federal bench; a misogynist, because he is pro-life; and a religious fanatic, because he takes his faith seriously enough to impose it upon himself, unlike many other politicians - Democrats and Republicans - who use it as political window dressing.

In a lengthy interview for my book, "Blinded by Might: Can The Religious Right Save America?", I asked Ashcroft for his views about government and a lot of other things. Following are some excerpts:

*On the purpose of government:*  
"Government's responsibility is to make sure that there is a hospitable set of external that allow people to do well and to provide a framework in which people can grow. It shouldn't be growth of government; it should be growth of individuals."

*On the primary cause of moral decline:*  
"The moral condition of a country is an aggregation of the moral choices made by individuals. There (are) a variety of conditions in the culture that signal disrespect for morals that have affected the kind of choices that are being made. I think government has helped create an environment that is hostile to good, moral decision-making. Moral



CAL THOMAS

choices are primarily shaped by the culture, and culture shapes behavior in an anticipatory or preventative way. Laws shape behavior by punishing after there's been an infraction. Our government of late has made it very difficult for the culture to operate by shaping behavior ... the higher the level of morality, the lower the need for government legality. As we have destroyed the ability of culture to shape behavior, we have had to proliferate laws in an attempt to make up for the absence of the culture-shaping behavior. The proliferation of laws has never made up for it, but we keep adding more laws, and more laws, and more laws."

Ashcroft believes that in our pursuit of tolerance for everything, we have surrendered the concept of stigmatizing behavior which we used to discourage: "We have outlawed stigma ... by saying that it's politically incorrect and inappropriate to say that certain things are wrong. We are no longer capable of identifying things as being wrong, and we are no longer capable of ranking, for affirmation, things that are legal. Once you devalue affirmation and you outlaw stigma, you make it impossible for the culture to shape moral choices."

*Can government, alone, turn culture around and influence better decision-making?* "No. The idea of government being the source of goodness in the culture is a mistake ... The genius of the American republic is not that the values of Washington be imposed on the people, (it is) that the people's values be

imposed on Washington, D.C. This reversal in value flow, I think, can be clearly traced to the Great Society era..."

Later, Ashcroft tells me that while Washington is neither the entire problem, nor the entire answer, it can be part of one or the other. But he sees government as one of the more powerful influences: "We should take the hostility toward morality out of the system. And take the hostility toward faith out of the system. Pastors need to call people to their highest and best, not accommodate the culture at its lowest and least."

Ashcroft acknowledges that because of his positive and deeply held Christian faith he will be perceived to want to "Christianize everybody." He explains, "The point is that governance is the process, by imposition and mandate, of compelling people to live at a level of the threshold of acceptability. If all a leader does is to govern, he's not a leader - he just mandates that people make it to the lowest possible level."

*On freedom:* "It is very difficult to impose anything in a free society ... It's important for the public to understand that you're not in a position to just come in here and insist, yet the public is in a position to insist."

There's much more in the book and, count on Ashcroft's detractors to pick up the quotes about his faith out of context and turn him into Elmer Gantry. Ashcroft has the personal qualities and professional experience so needed at the Department of Justice after eight years of a department that has served both as a subsidiary of the White House and the primary defender of indefensible actions by Bill Clinton and his ministers.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

## LETTER

### LETTERS

**Medical counselling is a swindle**

I have been reading about all of the rip-offs and swindles being perpetrated on senior citizens but was unaware of being conducted and evidently condoned by the state of Idaho right here in Twin Falls.

Last week, I called the South Central Health District to make an appointment for a yellow fever shot. I was told that it would be \$95 for the shot and counseling for travel abroad. I told them that I was not interested in any counseling but I would like to make an appointment for the shot.

I went in for my yellow fever immunization. I waited for about 20 minutes before being ushered into a treatment room by a very pleasant man. A nurse told me that the yellow fever shot was recommended but not required for what I was going. (My travel agent had already told me that they wanted me to even let me book my charter in New York if I did not have proof of a recent yellow fever shot.) Then she tried to "sell" me on the idea of taking three other shots: Hepatitis 1 and 2 and a malaria shot. I told her that I wanted the required yellow fever shot only! She gave me the shot most efficiently, and I was out of the room in less than three minutes.

When I went to the front to pay for the shot, I was billed \$55 for the vaccine, \$16 for the administration of the shot and \$24 for her trying to sell me three other shots, so instead of it costing \$71 as it should, it ran \$95, as evidently you pay for the counseling whether you want it or not and at the rate of more than \$20 per minute. A rather obscene amount for a state service, particularly when that service was neither requested nor desired. Talk about gouging the public.

**JACK LYTHGOE**  
Twin Falls

There are remedies available in the state of Idaho to consumers for this kind of behavior. If these steps are necessary for consumers to be treated in a legal and honest manner, it is our responsibility to pursue those remedies.

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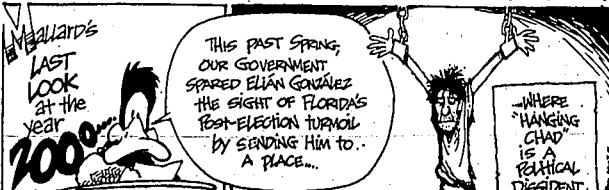
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## OPINION

## HMO lawsuits will shortchange patients

**A**mericans everywhere ought to be concerned that a panel of federal judges recently agreed to transfer to one federal judge in Miami all of the cases against HMOs pending around the country.

Although it received scant media attention, the seemingly innocuous decision plays into the hands of plaintiffs' attorneys, who are attempting to use the judiciary to coerce the nation's managed care industry into a massive settlement that could run to billions of dollars.

The result would be unconscionable — raising the cost of health care to prohibitive levels for millions of Americans, and likely jeopardizing the existence of some HMOs. The latter development would leave a health-care void that many localities would be hard-pressed to fill.

This concerted assault on managed care is led by Dickie Scruggs and David Boies. Most Americans haven't heard of Scruggs, a small-town Mississippi lawyer, whose firm walked away with more than \$900 million from the tobacco settlement two years ago.

Boies, of course, is America's latest legal celebrity — first, as the government's top rented lawyer in the Microsoft antitrust case and more recently as the field marshal of Vice President Gore's post-election brigade of chad-stalkers.

Together, Scruggs and Boies lead 40 or more firms seeking to cash in on the current hostility to HMOs. Their strategy, as Scruggs told a Mississippi newspaper, is to combine all of the separate complaints against the seven national managed-care competitors into one "massive lawsuit."

That, he notes, will "put incredible pressure on everyone to settle it." Settle out of

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court, of course, which would allow Scruggs and Boies to walk away with hefty contingency fees for doing little more than filing a threatening lawsuit.

Scruggs has gone so far as to tip financial analysts about pending lawsuits — hoping they'll scare investors into a panicky sell-off that sends HMO stock prices into tailspins. His "sue and destroy" strategy seems to be working. Since the suits have been filed, the value of some managed care companies has fallen by half.

Coercing out-of-court settlements works to Scruggs' advantage since many of his cases are legally dubious, if not preposterous.

These lawsuits jeopardize the very existence of HMOs by allowing a single federal judge in Miami to render a verdict on whether Americans should have the option of signing on with HMOs.

The judge acknowledged the enormity of his task during a courtroom hearing when he asked incredulously: "You mean to tell me, Mr. Scruggs, that you want me to supervise and revise health policy for over 100 million Americans?"

The U.S. Supreme Court warned against such judicial intrusion last term, recognizing that, for HMOs to function, they must provide "specific financial incentives to physicians, rewarding them for decreasing utilization of health-care services and penalizing them for what may be found to be excessive treatment."

The high court further observed that Congress has promoted the formation of HMOs for nearly three decades in a largely successful effort to curb runaway health-care costs. In

an attempt to end-run the Supreme Court, the class action lawyers repackaged their claims, alleging that the HMOs somehow concealed the financial incentives they offer physicians who limit the use of unneeded or extraneous treatments.

The lawyers also made the novel argument that HMOs could be sued under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, a federal law originally passed to fight organized crime that allows plaintiffs to seek an entire triple damages remedy. The lawyers suggested that the HMOs' failure to disclose physician incentives constitute alleged acts of "mail fraud" and "wire fraud" that fall within RICO's jurisdiction.

Yet, surely the average person already knows that signing on with an HMO is not the same as having fee-for-service insurance. And just as surely the average person understands that HMOs manage the costs of delivering care to offer far more affordable health care than fee-for-service insurance.

The risk in these suits is that what companies actually did and disclosed may be ignored in favor of some one-fits-all caricature of the "bad HMO." An even greater risk is the cre-

ation of a one-size-fits-all plaintiff, which is what the plaintiffs' lawyers propose to do by pressing this as a class-action suit.

Yet common-sense tells us that claims of fraud depend on highly individualized facts relating to the particular HMO's communications and what each person understood. These claims should be considered on their merits rather than lumped together as a class.

Consolidating all of the claims before one federal judge in Miami obviously paves an easy road to riches for the plaintiffs' bar. Worse, it almost surely will cripple a highly efficient way of delivering health care — one that provides quality services to millions of Americans at the lowest possible cost.

In the long run, the real losers will be patients who can't afford to pay doctor's bills that are bloated with sizeable surcharges for already wealthy insurers.

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## "Sinusitis or Cold?"

Information from the *nasal sinus specialist*



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## LETTER

## Radicals threaten production

Since 1992 (year Clinton became president), U.S. oil production is down 17 percent. Consumption is up 14 percent. Imports of oil are up 56 percent. Oil imports are one of the major causes of our trade deficit.

Radical environmentalists, especially the Sierra Club, work to prevent opening oil reserves in the Rocky Mountain states. They also fight to keep oil reserves off limits in Alaska, which has 16 billion barrels of oil (equal to 30 years of Saudi imports). Many radical groups seek to ban new offshore drilling along the California and Florida coasts. Al Gore is one of the leaders of radical environmentalist movement. What a blessing he wasn't elected president.

California is experiencing a

shortage of electricity this winter as a result of radical environmentalists making it impossible to build any kind of power plants. Radical greens oppose nuclear power plants and the Environmental Protection Agency is threatening to close eight coal-fired plants because they are too dirty. Bill Clinton, by executive order, locked up some of the cleanest coal by designating a huge park in Utah.

Environmentalists are bartoning to systematically tear out hydroelectric dams.

It's difficult for agriculture, mining and lumbering to exist with all the environmental regulations. Let's hope the new administration uses some common sense and ignores the radical environmentalists.

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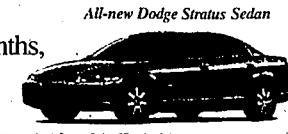
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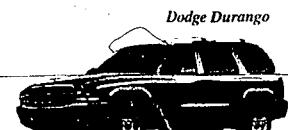


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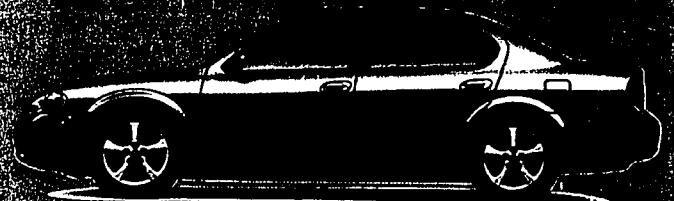
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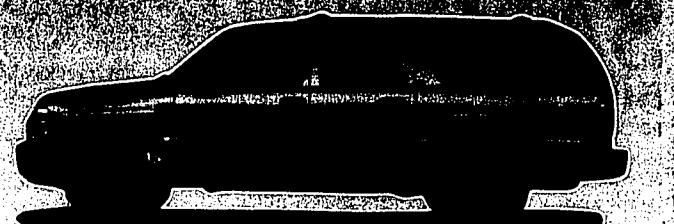
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### TF clinic expects decision in January.

**TWIN FALLS** — Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital doctors could decide on a sale by the end of January.

Clinic doctors will meet on Jan. 9, 2001, with the two hospitals seeking to buy or lease the hospital, said clinic attorney Randy Stumper of Spokane, Wash.

The meeting will probably be the last one before a decision is made. Clinic doctors will meet privately with officials from both hospitals, Stumper said.

"All options are still alive," he said. "We are assessing and refining proposals, so there will be no misunderstanding when we reach a decision."

At their last meeting, clinic doctors compiled a list of questions about potential relationships with the hospitals.

The questions prompted the hospitals to seek more information about the clinic's finances and organization.

"I anticipate a decision before the end of January by the doctors, but it's their decision, not mine," Stumper said.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise are both seeking the clinic's hospital. Their proposals are confidential.

Clinic doctors can choose among several options.

- Stay the same.
- Sell, lease, or share ownership of the hospital with Magic Valley Regional.
- Sell, lease, or share ownership with Saint Al's.

### School districts, agency offer parenting classes

**TWIN FALLS** — Free Active Parenting Classes for parents in Twin Falls and Jerome county parents will be offered by the Twin Falls School District and the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare.

The classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays for six weeks. The first session will begin next week.

The classes will cover a number of issues including parenting styles, parenting methods that have shown to be successful, discipline using non-violent methods, building courage and self-esteem in children, mutual respect, effective communication skills, why children misbehave and how to redirect that behavior, resolving conflicts peacefully and handling anger.

The sessions will run from Jan. 3 to Feb. 7 and from Feb. 21 to March 28.

The classes will be held at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School in the Little House Family Center on the southeast corner of Elizabeth Boulevard and Eastland Drive.

No registration is required.

Interested parents or soon-to-be parents can show up for the first class.

Call Margy Wray at 736-7649 to arrange free child care or call Marcia Lanting at 733-6900 for more information.

### Draft horse, mule club publishes calendar

**TWIN FALLS** — Members of the Southern Idaho Draft Horse and Mule Association have been captured in glossy color photos in a new 2001 calendar.

"It's beautiful," said association secretary Betty Shriver. "It's very professionally done. It shows our local people and some of the activities we're involved in."

Shriver said money made from calendar sales will benefit the non-profit association.

Calendars are \$14.95 each and can be ordered by calling Shriver at 733-3288.

### Heyburn will hear from United Electric tonight

**HEYBURN** — Representatives from United Electric will report tonight to Heyburn city officials about repairs done Saturday at the Riverton substation.

The Heyburn City Council meeting is slated for 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Compiled from staff reports

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Section B

## Opinions differ on reaction possibility

INEEL spokesman says there's no evidence

By N.S. Nokkentved  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A small runaway nuclear reaction might have gone unnoticed years ago in radioactive waste buried willy-nilly in eastern Idaho, some experts suggest.

Federal energy officials assert that the risk of such an event is not credible.

"We have found no evidence of a criticality ever having occurred out there," INEEL spokesman Nick Nichols said.

Yet state and federal environmental regulators say they have seen no evidence that would rule out an accidental nuclear reaction — such as a criticality — in the buried waste, either in the past or in the future.

Recent concerns about a criticality were raised when data

### What is a criticality?

A criticality is an uncontrolled nuclear reaction. In such an event, plutonium, materials containing plutonium, or plutonium itself, undergoes a chain reaction that is not the same as a fission reaction, but it releases energy that can cause a nuclear explosion.

gathered from radioactive waste in INEEL's controversial Pit 9 suggested some barrels might contain enough plutonium to support a spontaneous nuclear reaction.

In a worst-case scenario, an uncontrolled criticality might release radioactive materials into the air. It also could ignite other radioactive waste, and the resulting fire might lead to addi-

tional radioactive releases.

Consultants to the EPA wrote in a May report that "no conclusive evidence has been presented to date that places the future risk of nuclear criticality in the (burial waste site) at an insignificant level."

In early December, Energy Department and regulatory officials met to discuss the issue of criticality risks in the waste buried at the INEEL's Subsurface Disposal Area. Following that meeting, one consultant wrote that the INEEL assertions that no criticality happened while the burial ground was flooded should be supported by calculations and monitoring data from before, during and after the event.

Sue Stiger, head of environmental cleanup at INEEL, said monitoring was in place that.

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## Buried waste includes grisly mix of castoffs

By N.S. Nokkentved  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Official records of buried waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory include many bizarre items.

But federal Energy Department interviews with site employees in 1989 to 1991 turned up some downright grisly details.

Bil Kerr worked at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory from about 1957 through 1985. He was interviewed Oct. 29, 1990, according to documents newly obtained by the Times-News in a Freedom of Information Act request.

"Parts of human beings: their people in contamination ... figure the best way was to cut the finger off or the arm off, those are some of the things that went into the sludge," Kerr said in the interview.

Sludge barrels and boxes shipped to Idaho were used to dispose of any extra low-level waste from the federal government's nuclear bomb factory at Rocky Flats in Colorado. That waste included 35-pound bottles of sodium cyanide, Kerr said.

"If they knew of anything that we couldn't figure out an easy way of getting rid of, we put into sludge barrels, sludge boxes," he said.

Kerr also noted that the interview.

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## Don't trash the trees

### Cities offer a chance to recycle

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — If it's time to trash that trimmed tree, there are plenty of places to drop it off.

And at several locations, your tree will be recycled into a fine mulch for use in landscaping, a stock bedding or composting.

Several Idaho Solid Waste Management Valley communities have set up the following dropoff sites for live Christmas trees. All decorations must be removed.

Burley: City crews will collect trees left in city alleys. Phone City Hall at 678-2224.

City of Gooding: City crews will pick up trees the first week of January. Otherwise, residents can drop off trees at the city brush pile one mile west of Gooding. Call City Hall at 934-5669.

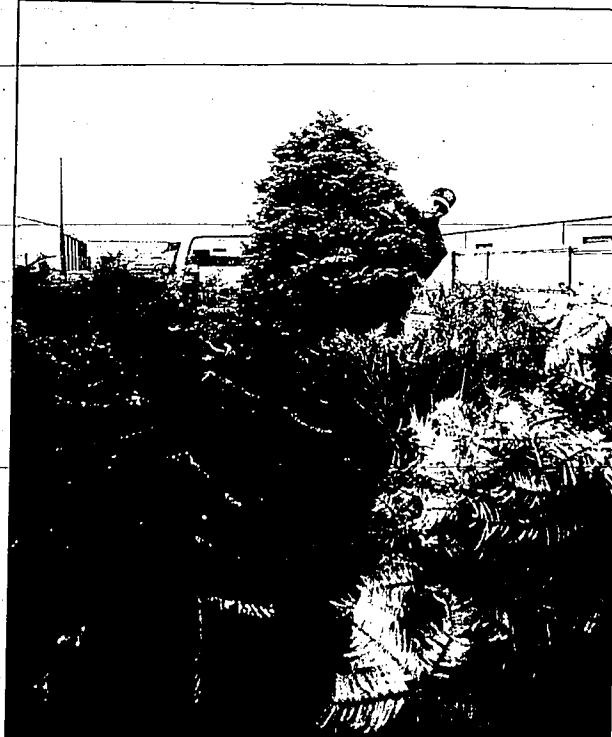
Hailey: Residents can drop off trees in a designated area at Lions Park from Monday through Jan. 31, for grinding into mulch.

City of Jerome: Residents can drop off trees at the city lot on West Fourth Street near the RV dump for grinding into mulch. Phone City Hall at 324-8189.

Ketchum: Trees can be dropped off at the Ketchum Park & Ride lot near the Church of the Big Wood. Look for signs or ropes off areas designating where to leave your tree for grinding into mulch.

Shoshone: Residents may drop off trees in a designated area near the city shop, or take them to the Lincoln County Transfer Station. Phone City Hall at 886-2030.

City of Twin Falls: Residents are encouraged to drop off trees at the city lot at Sixth Avenue West and Shoshone Street. Trees at this location will be ground into mulch. Phone 735-7264.



Gerry Hilldrup throws away his family's Christmas tree Tuesday at the city of Twin Falls' disposal site at Sixth Avenue West and Shoshone Street. Every year, the city grinds the trees up to make mulch.

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## Raft River utility hopes contracts help it avoid rate hike

By Aaron Brock  
Times-News writer

**RAFT RIVER** — Electric rate increases, based on rising wholesale power prices, will probably not affect Raft River Electric Cooperative's customers, said co-op general manager Bud Tracy.

In fact, Raft River Electric user rates might not go up for the next five or six years.

"We believe that the level of our rates now will keep us steady through 2006," Tracy said.

Raft River Electric operates with two contracts from the Bonneville Power Administration, but while most other area users of BPA power will see rate increases on Oct. 1, 2001, and pass increases on to customers, Raft River officials are optimistic that they will not have to raise rates.

As power companies deal with high demand and short supply, customers served by the city of Rupert, the city of Heyburn, the city of Burley and United Electric could see power rates

increase between 15 and 25 percent.

About half of Raft River's power is purchased under a contract, which sets the price at a constant mark until 2006. This could change, said Larry King, an account executive with BPA, but it would take a lengthy public hearing process to do so.

It was a gamble to enter into a long-term contract, King said, but it looks like it will pay off for Raft River Electric and its customers, which includes some Nevada residents.

The BPA offered a limited number of long-term contracts last year, and all its customers had a chance to purchase them, but rate predictions for 2001 to 2006 were lower than the rate offered in the long-term contracts, so most customers chose month-based contracts.

"The common impression was that rates were going to remain stable or go down," King said. "Now the rate predictions are all much higher than that."

The other half of the power

percentage purchased from the total amount BPA generates.

Raft River Electric can exchange power with other co-op members who have different seasonal electric needs. In addition, when there is a surplus, it can sell power at market cost, and this helps keep consumer prices down, Tracy said.

Times-News writer Aaron Brock can be reached at the Minn-Cassia Bureau at 677-0424, Ext. 110, or by e-mail at [abrock@magicvalley.com](mailto:abrock@magicvalley.com).

# Hear that quiet hum? It might be a happy llama

"A contented" llama hums.

Q. Which was created first—shoelaces or the United States of America?

A. Shoelaces. Invented in England four years before the Declaration of Independence.

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## OBITUARIES

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### GOODING



#### Verla M. Bolte

Verla M. Bolte, 99, a Gooding resident, died Monday, Dec. 26, 2000, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Verla was born Sept. 1, 1901, in Norton, Kan., the daughter of George and Hattie (Horn) Bolte. She died with her parents in the Gooding area in 1915. Verla married Robert Philip Bolte in Gooding on Dec. 21, 1922. They farmed and ranched west of Gooding where Verla has since resided. She served as an election judge for Gooding County for many years, and was a life member of the Rebekah Lodge in Gooding. For many years she managed the Cannon Kitchen in Gooding. Verla is also known for her love of gardening.

She is survived by a son Robert (Bob) of Gooding, three grandchildren, Ann (John) Thornton of Pine, Idaho, Barb (Dale) Thomas of Gooding and Jon Bolte of Boise, Wash., and three great-grandchildren, Todd and Chad Thomas and Shana, a sister-in-law Alice Cecil of Seattle, Wash., and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased in death by her husband in 1990, her parents, four sisters and five brothers.

Funeral services will be conduct-

ed 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 2000,

at the Rupert LDS West Stake Center (375 S. 12th Street) in Gooding.

Arrangements are with the Hatten Mortuary. Friends may call at the chapel on Thursday from 1-7 p.m.

Family suggests that contributions be made to the Gooding County Hospital Foundation in Verla's name.

### RUPERT



#### Merle Christensen Young

Merle Christensen Young, 78-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Monday, Dec. 25, 2000, at the Mindoku Memorial Extended Care Facility in Rupert.

She was born April 23, 1922, in Shelley, Idaho, the daughter of William and Cora (Morse) Christensen. She was the third of seven children. In 1929, the family moved to Idaho Falls where she attended school and graduated from high school in 1940. She attended Ricks College, graduating with a teaching certificate in 1942. She then taught school for a year in Armonia, Idaho. Merle married Wernell Young May 10, 1943, in the LDS Tabernacle in Armonia. They made their home in Shelly, Idaho, and had a family of four sons and three daughters. In 1961, they moved the family to a farm north of Paul, then again in 1966, they moved north of Rupert where they farmed and they retired. Merle was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She loved Relief Society and served as ward Relief Society secretary, Relief Society counselor and Stake Relief Society secretary. She also taught Primary and Sunday school. She and her husband served two full-time missions in South Carolina. Merle performed numerous acts of compassionate service. She had a great love of quilting and made

many quilts for family and friends. She loved babies dearly and felt great empathy for them.

She is survived by her children, Kaye (Mary) Young of Burley, Nancy (John) Voort of San Diego, Calif., Karen (Tajran) Weaver of Salt Lake City, Utah, Steven (Maria) Young of Rupert, Roy (Lupe) Young of Rupert, Richard (Jolynn) Young of Rupert and John Young of Twin Falls, Idaho, 24 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and three sisters and one brother.

Merle was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and her husband, Wernell.

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# School feels effects of mill closure

## District sees drop in enrollment

OROFINO (AP) — The rippling effect of the closure of Podatch Corp.'s Jaype plywood plant near Pierce is being felt in the area's schools.

The Orofino-based School District 1 is losing students as families move elsewhere for jobs. "We are feeling the impact, enrollment-wise," said

Superintendent Alan Felgenhauer.

The mill shut down in September. Today — at nearly 25 percent — Clearwater County has the highest unemployment rate in the state.

The student population declined at Timberline High School, between Pierce and Weippe, from its A-3 standing in the Idaho High School Athletic Association to an A-4 standing. Timberline had teetered between a popula-

tion of 140 and 160 for some time; cutoff between classifications is 150. The new classification begins next August.

The district, which includes schools at Orofino, Weippe, Pierce, Southwick and Cavendish, has a student population of 1,451.

At this time last year there were 1,579 students. The district is operating on a budget that was set and funded by the state last year, so it is not experiencing any

unexpected economic cutbacks presently.

"But if the trend of enrollment continues to drop, then we'll have some things to look at for next year," Felgenhauer said.

He said he hopes that the loss of students will not be significant enough to lay anyone off.

"We may cut positions, but we hope to keep everybody that still wants to work for us and give them a job," Felgenhauer said.

## Idaho ranch produces sounds for Hollywood

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) — Of all the pretty horses on a Careycwood ranch, Choo-Choo and Stormy, two paint horses, are Hollywood stars.

The Idaho ranch's setting was the ideal place to capture sound tape for "All the Pretty Horses," a film starring Matt Damon that was recently released.

Although the horses are not seen in the film, their sounds are heard.

Sound editor Patricio Libenson captured 10 hours of Choo-Choo and Stormy's hooves and whinneys — even the sound of a mane slicing through the air.

The thing about Idaho was it was very cold, the air dense, making the speed of sound faster, thus the recording sound's quality is full and rich," Libenson explained from his office in California.

The two horses were chosen because one had horseshoes and the other didn't, said ranch owner Marion O'Connor, who rode Stormy for the recordings.

Recordings included about 10 separate sounds of the horses moving at varying speeds on a range of surfaces, including rocks, grass and cement.

"I had no idea it was worth money for someone to record it,"

There was not a place to record the sounds in California without interrupting city noises such as those from a plane or car, Libenson said.

**Attorney general asks judge to reconsider on trial**

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BLACKFOOT (AP) — The office of Attorney General Al Lance has asked a federal judge to reconsider his recent decision ordering a new trial or the release of condemned murderer Richard Albert Leavitt.

U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill overturned Leavitt's 1985 first-degree murder conviction and death sentence for the slaying of Danette Jean Elg of Blackfoot.

Winmill ruled that an instruction to jurors may have been

confusing, misleading and ambiguous. The instruction said it was a jury's duty to protect the innocent, raising what Winmill called a "reasonable likelihood" the jury did not presume Leavitt innocent during the trial. He also said jurors may not have understood that prosecutors had to prove Leavitt guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

But the attorney general's office argued in a motion filed late last week that Leavitt's trial attorney had agreed to the instruction.

"Leavitt should not be permitted to complain or be granted habeas relief fifteen years after he was convicted, based upon a jury instruction he requested," according to the motion.

The state's argument is that any troublesome instruction agreed to by Leavitt's defense attorney should be considered under the "invited error doctrine." The motion also urges Winmill to consider any offending jury instructions in context.

"There is no mention of the

fact that the trial judge added the additional sentence, 'There must be proof beyond a reasonable doubt,'" thus eliminating any ambiguity "that could have resulted as it was written."

Elg, a former Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory employee, was sexually mutilated after being stabbed in her home on July 17, 1984. Her body was discovered four days later.

Leavitt, 41, has maintained his innocence since his arrest.

## Nevada residents stand knee-deep in water woes

SANDY VALLEY, Nev. (AP) — A water war is brewing southwest of Las Vegas, where outside companies are quietly buying land and competing for unallocated rights to ground water.

The companies envision using the water for new casinos, an energy plant or new development in the desert along Interstate 15.

This potential encroachment on their basin's water makes residents of Sandy Valley, 30 miles southwest of Las Vegas, nervous. According to a report in Tuesday's Las Vegas Sun, they're afraid the companies could steal the water underneath their feet.

And Sandy Valley's 3,000 residents are not the only water users who are wary. San Bernardino County, Calif., officials have weighed in on requests that could remove 7,000 acre-feet of ground water a year from Sandy Valley — more than three times the amount that is naturally replenished in the basin each year.

An acre-foot of water is enough to supply a family of four for a

million acres in Northern Nevada in the past three years. That makes it the largest private landowner in the state, according to Security and Exchange Commission records.

PICO owns and develops water rights through a subsidiary, Vider Water Co. of La Jolla, Calif., according to the SEC.

Vider has applied for 2,000 acre-feet of deep ground water in Sandy Valley. Someday that water could supply an electrical generating plant for Reliant Energy, Houston, or another utility if the company demulsifies power generation, according to a strategy statement by Vider Chief Operating Officer Dorothy Timian-Palmer.

But that's not the only option, it says. The majority of Vider's customers will be municipalities or local government agencies. For now, she says, securing unallocated rights is Vider's goal.

Other companies have similar designs on water but have specific projects in mind, such as electrical-generating projects.

Calpine Corp. also has applied for 5,000 acre-feet of water in

Sandy Valley. Someday it is the basin on and its quality. Then the experts will review the information.

Attorney Byron Mills, who is representing about 30 Sandy Valley residents and other small water holders, calls the bidders vying for the basin's ground water nothing but speculators.

"They see water as a commodity and turn around and sell it to Las Vegas or the highest bidder," he said. "A place like Sandy Valley depends on ground water, and most people cannot afford to drill their wells deeper when the water level drops."

He said he has been following Utah's population figures and said that, while many of the state's Western neighbors would gain additional congressional representatives, Utah probably won't.

Arizona is expected to get two new seats and Nevada and Idaho one each, Gochoun said. Texas is expected to get two new seats, and Georgia and Florida are each expected to get an additional representative.

That means more of a voice for the West, Gochoun said. The northeast, on the other hand, will probably lose representatives.

U.S. Commerce Secretary

Norman Mineta and other federal officials will release the breakdown of the 435 House seats

Thursday morning. Once the figures are released, state legislators will redraw their boundaries for the 2002 election.

"There are states you know will gain, but there are states that are on the margin and it seems like we're one of those on the losing end of the margin," said Natalie Gochoun, deputy director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

She has been following Utah's population figures and said that, while many of the state's Western neighbors would gain additional congressional representatives, Utah probably won't.

Still, Utah's growth has been remarkable. The state got its second House seat in 1910. The third didn't come until 1980. Now, just 20 years later, the state is on the cusp of a fourth.

Indeed, the U.S. Census

Bureau estimates Utah's population has grown by nearly 24 percent since 1990, compared to 9.6 percent nationally.

Which states get seats and which don't is a complicated process. Every state is guaranteed at least one member of the House of Representatives.

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organs of the three victims of the SL-1 reactor, which blew up in January 1961, were studied and then dumped into the INEEL burial ground.

"Some people think that the bodies were sent back home in lead-lined coffins," Kerr said. "Well part of it, maybe the outer husk was, but anything that could have been used for medical purposes, studies were kept here and when they were through, those went into the burial ground."

The SL-1 reactor, an experimental low-power reactor, blew up when a control rod was pulled up too rapidly, creating a sudden power surge and steam explosion. The three men working on the reactor were killed.

Other gruesome garbage buried at INEEL includes barrels full of irradiated animal carcasses, including canaries, eagles and salmon, the result of radiological research at various West Coast universities, and drums of animal carcasses from the U.S. Nuclear Corp. in California.

Some of those research programs focused on gastrointestinal diseases, in which animals were fed various radioactive materials. Their droppings were examined and wound up in barrels at INEEL labeled as radioactive animal feces — nearly

drums weren't expected to last anyway, and the government at the time had no plans to dig them up.

Until 1960, commercial solid radioactive waste was packed in steel drums and simply dumped in the ocean off both U.S. coasts. The Environmental Protection Agency reported in the 1970s that small amounts of plutonium had leaked from those barrels.

The government decided to stop the ocean dumping because it was too costly.

That decision drove an Oakland, Calif., entrepreneur out of business. He had collected radioactive waste for sea disposal, and when he went broke in 1960 he left a shipping yard full of waste stacked in 55-gallon barrels.

The waste began arriving in April 1954. Manifests did not accompany the shipments. Instead, annual reports to INEEL listed only an estimated amount of radioactivity, not actual contents.

During a 1963 labor strike, waste was dumped haphazardly. Many containers were damaged, some leaked liquid — despite an INEEL policy against burying liquid waste — and some lids flew off containers.

Officials lost track of the waste.

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waste produced in the West. Many shipments to INEEL were simply labeled "radioactive waste" with no indications of their actual contents. Some waste producers shipped waste in secondhand barrels — without changing the labels.

The commercial radioactive waste shipments stopped in August 1963.

But the government continued to send Rocky Flats' waste to Idaho, where officials could keep an eye on it.

Following a scientific review of disposal practices and a public outcry in 1970, the dumping was halted.

Meanwhile, the waste still lies in rusted barrels and broken boxes buried in pits and trenches 580 feet above the Snake River Plain Aquifer, which supplies drinking and irrigation water to more than 200,000 people in southern Idaho.

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## IDAHO

## Timber firms might go to court over road plan

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) — On Idaho's Panhandle National Forest, an area known for its extensive web of logging roads, about 800,000 unclaimed acres still could be set aside under the Clinton administration's roadless initiative.

But area timber companies are not giving up, and will likely turn to the courts for relief.

The president's proposal would

ban road-building on about 8 million acres in Idaho, 58.5 million nationwide.

That is bad news for timber companies who have been beset by low lumber prices and environmental lawsuits blocking timber sales.

"To allow a policy like this to go unchanged would be a travesty," said Shawn Keough, executive director of Associated

## Logging Contractors.

It is not enough to leave the forests alone, Keough said. The fires that ravaged the West this summer are evidence forests are in disrepair.

Panhandle Forest Supervisor Dave Wright said the Forest Service shares the blame for the fire problem. It employed an aggressive firefighting policy that has allowed fuels to build up

over the past century.

"But that is no excuse for letting them go up in a major conflagration like we had last summer. You are never going to stop fires, but we sure as hell can do more to some of the forests from going up in smoke," he said.

Environmentalists praise the roadless plan as a change in public attitude about forests once managed largely for board feet.

## Landlords threaten to oust mayor over anti-meth ordinance

BOISE (AP) — Landlords and others opposed to Boise City's new anti-meth property ordinance vow they will work to unseat Mayor Brent Coles next fall.

Boiseans for Responsible Meth Control formed recently to look

at options for punishing the mayor and City Council members for passing what the group says is a bad ordinance.

"They will not be forgotten, and that I will tell you affirmatively," said Joe Rohner, associate broker of Sun Valley Boise

McCall Realty. "We'll remember all the way to the election."

The ordinance was passed unanimously just week. It holds landlords partially responsible if a property is cited by police as a nuisance due to two or more instances of the manufacture or

sale of methamphetamine, cocaine or heroin.

If twice cited, property owners must submit a plan to the police department to rid the property of the nuisance. If the landlord does not comply, a judge could temporarily close the property.

## Epidemiologists track statistics to keep health problems in check

BOISE (AP) — Conventional wisdom says such debilitating diseases as leprosy were wiped out long ago in the United States, yet they crop up in reports for 2000 to the state epidemiology office.

One case of leprosy was reported in southeastern Idaho this year.

There are 13 new cases of tuberculosis this year, all in the southern part of the state.

While four people with malaria were reported in southwestern Idaho this year, people are unlikely to contract the disease in the Idaho woods. But you could easily come down with the nasty gastrointestinal symptoms of giardia if you drink untreated water. Idaho had 132 cases in 2000.

The state also has plenty of sexually transmitted diseases,

including 10 cases of syphilis, and gastrointestinal ailments, including 74 cases of E. coli 0157:H7 that caused stomach ailments for dozens of Treasure Valley people who ate wild-game sausage.

While the numbers are relatively small, keeping track helps public health officials ensure such problems are held in check.

Diseases common to developing countries arrive in Idaho with people who contracted them elsewhere and receive treatment here, or through Idaho residents who contract them while traveling, said Dr. Christine Hahn, state epidemiologist.

"We keep track of a lot of diseases that are rare and we work hard to keep them that way," she said.

# Meet a few of Boise State's online MVPs

This team won't win MVP honors at the Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl.

But a national award proves they're the "most valuable providers" of Internet service on a college campus. And that makes **BSU.Net** students an All-American team.



Standouts on the front line of technology, network management students built and maintain the only university-run Internet service provider in the Big West — and the nation.

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through BSU.Net to students, faculty and staff around the clock since 1996. Minch and Tabor recently won a \$1,500 prize for innovation when the program placed first in a national competition sponsored by Decision Sciences Institute.

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## COMMUNITY

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Boy Scouts sponsor New Year's Day pancake feed

**JEROME** - The Boy Scout Troop 139 will sponsor a pancake feed from 8:30 a.m. Monday at the Jerome United Methodist Church at 211 S. Buchanan.

The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

## Burley resident celebrates his 80th birthday Friday

**BURLEY** - Jessie F. Moses of Burley will celebrate his 80th birthday from 4-7 p.m. Friday at his home at 1919 Bennett Ave.

Moses was born Dec. 29, 1920 in Ogden, Utah. On May 11, 1942 he married Cherril Wheeler. He



Jessie Moses

moved to Idaho in 1956 and homesteaded north of Paul. Moses taught school for one year at Burley and for 29 years at Minico High School. He also built and remodeled homes and loves hunting, fishing and the outdoors, his family says.

Moses' children are Dennis (Carol) of Burley, Austin (Bonnie) of Moreland, Charlene Day (Gene) of Twin Falls, Bryan (Rita) of Heyburn and Debra Anderson (Jerry) of Caldwell; 23

grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

His children are hosting the event.

## Job's Daughters holds Christmas dance on Friday

**JEROME** - Job's Daughters, Bethel 43 will hold its annual family Christmas dance to honor past Honor Queen Janell Thompson and Honor Queen Wendy Kump from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday at the Jerome Middle School at 116 Third Ave. W.

The price is \$5 per person and \$8 per couple.

A photographer will be available. Refreshments will

be served.

## Certified appraiser speaks at monthly luncheon

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley New Neighbors will hold its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Uptown Bistro at 117 Main Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Hutch Hutchins, certified appraiser of personal property, will speak about valuables and collectibles.

He will not be appraising items at this time.

To make reservations, call 734-8418 no later than Saturday.

For more information, call 735-0651.

## Job's Daughters schedules installation of officers



Jennifer Kroll

Cathryn Walker, marshal; Abby Waters, chaplain; Kelsey Peterson, treasurer; Jessica Lupton, recorder; Mary Ann Valentine, musician; Becky Bratt, librarian; Sarah Dean, first messenger;

Heidi Wiseman, second messenger; Katie Baxter, third messenger; Dani Hansing, fourth messenger; McKale Conrad, fifth messenger; Kayla Miller, senior custodian; Danielle Annis, junior custodian; Jacinda Conrad, inner guard; Jackie Baxter, outer guard; Adrienne Annis, custodian of lights; and Aryn Probasco, flag bearer. Choir members include Kristi Osterhout, Shayla Charbanneau, Lisa Feldhusen, Holly Owings, Stefanie Poe,

Molly Smith and Natalie Hartley.

Betsy Stimpson, retiring honored queen, will act as installing officer. Other installing officers will include Emily Redman Jones, Alison Redman, Elizabeth Quesnell, David Atkins, Whitney Rolig, Andrea Harris, Sally Wiseman, Jenni Ferlic, Dani Mingo, Allison Rolig and Jill Koffer. Ray and Somie Strolberg will be host and hostess for the evening.

## CLUB CALENDAR

## Civic

## Rotary Clubs

**Blue Lakes** - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls; 734-7007 or 734-4711.

**Burley** - noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center; 678-2221.

**Buhl** - 12:05 p.m. Thursdays at The Grandstand; 434-6821.

**Gooding** - 12:30 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn; 334-4214.

**Hailey** - noon Tuesday at the Senior Center of Blaine County; 788-0897 or 788-2114.

**Jerome** - noon Tuesday at China Village, 123 S. Alder; 324-3241.

**Ketchum/Sun Valley** - noon on Tuesday at Rico's Pizzeria and Pasta Restaurant; Bob Stone at 726-1100.

**Rupert** - noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge. Call Jack Bell at 436-5611.

**Spokane** - noon Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center; 886-2221 or 886-2884.

**Twin Falls** - noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club in Twin Falls; 736-4029 or 734-6549.

**Lions Clubs**

**Burley** - noon Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; Val Gern, 678-5980.

**Buhl** - 7 a.m. third Wednesday at the Buhl Senior Center; 434-5624 or 436-0720.

**Gooding** - 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays at the Lincoln Inn; 334-4141.

**Hailey** - noon first and third Wednesdays at Full Moon Restaurant in Bellevue.

**Heyburn** - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Heyburn fire station; 436-6020.

**Jerome** - 7 p.m. first and third Monday at Jerome City Library; 324-9710.

**Rupert** - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday at Red Cross Building, 707 S. 43rd.

**Rupert Springs** - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday at United Methodist Church, 605 N. St.; 436-9862.

**Spokane** - noon Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center; 886-2221 or 886-2884.

**Twin Falls** - noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club in Twin Falls; 736-4029 or 734-6549.

**Winnemucca** - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Golden Years Senior Center, 216 N. Main St.; 436-5322 or 436-0720.

**Filer** - noon Tuesdays at the Filer Methodist Church; 326-4530 or 326-0551.

**Rupert** - noon Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge; 436-8124.

**Jerome** - noon Thursdays at the Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. E.; call B24-3322.

**Twin Falls** - noon Thursdays at the Turf Club for lunch; 736-4276 or 734-4244.

**Optimist Clubs**

**Twin Falls** - noon Thursdays at the Mandarin House; 733-2278, 733-7035 or 734-7805.

**Jerome** - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; 436-5228 or 436-0720.

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**Rotary International**

**Twin Falls** - first, third and fourth Tuesdays at 12 p.m. at Jade Buffet, 1719 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. All business women are invited; \$34-9486.

**Burley** - noon second, third and fourth Tuesdays at George K. 678-7200.

**Rupert** - noon on first and third

## Musical

**Magic Valley Single Square Dance Club** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Jerome's Hall, 215 Second Ave. E. in Jerome.

**McGregor's Barberhop Chorus** - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the First Methodist Church basement, Shoshone Street and Fourth Ave., Twin Falls; 734-2664.

**Music for the Masses** - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the First Presbyterian Church, 216 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.; 733-5400.

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# FOOD & HOME

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Section C

## Ring in New Year with fun finger food

Q: What are some easy hors d'oeuvres for a New Year's party?

A: Instead of making a big meal, offer your guests a selection of hors d'oeuvres to nibble on. They look festive and taste delicious - and they're fast and easy to prepare, so you won't spend the whole time in the kitchen.

### THE BASICS:

Think of hors d'oeuvres in terms of layers: bases, toppings and garnishes. Bases can be made of puff pastry, pie bread wedges or tortillas. All of these keep well in the freezer and can be pulled out and baked in the oven at a moment's notice. Bases can even be as simple as sliced French bread, crackers or celery. Toppings can consist of cheeses, fresh fruits and vegetables, olives or delicate cuts of smoked fish - enhanced with flavorful ingredients such as olive oil, garlic, horseradish or wasabi. For garnishes, think of color, texture and distinct flavor - chopped nuts, capers, slices of jalapeno peppers or fresh herbs like basil or dill.

Experiment with combinations of bases, flavorings and toppings; you'll be surprised at how simple it is to prepare quick, delicious hors d'oeuvres. For more ideas, visit the cooking channel on [www.marthastewart.com](http://www.marthastewart.com) and try our searchable Recipe Finder.

### WHAT TO KEEP IN THE PANTRY

Here are some suggestions:

- Puff pastry
- Phyllo dough
- Tortillas
- Condiments and flavorings, such as extra-virgin olive oil, balsamic vinegar, Dijon mustard, wasabi paste, Tabasco sauce and soy sauce
- Canned beans
- Tuna, anchovies and sardines
- Dried fruit, such as raisins and figs
- Chunneys
- Nuts, such as almonds and walnuts
- Sundried tomatoes
- Capers
- Canned pimientos
- Fresh ingredients that will keep for a week or so include:

  - Onions, carrots and herbs, such as garlic, celery, onions, radishes, carrots and shallots
  - Cheeses, such as goat cheese, cream cheese, Gruyere
  - Sour cream
  - Kalamata or oil-cured olives
  - Smoked salmon
  - Fresh ginger

- Items to buy at the last minute:

  - Bread
  - Fresh herbs such as basil, parsley and dill
  - Perishable vegetables and fruits such as endive, cucumbers, snow peas, cherry tomatoes, avocados and grapes

### RECIPE

#### PEAR PECAN TOASTS

(Serves 10 to 12)

10 ounces Roquefort cheese

5 tablespoons heavy cream

15 slices white sandwich bread, crusts removed

2 Bartlett pears, thinly sliced into wedges

1/3 cup pecan halves, thinly sliced crosswise

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees F. In a small bowl, combine the cheese and heavy cream. Using a fork or wooden spoon, combine until mixture is soft enough to spread but not too runny.

2. Cut bread in half crosswise, making fingers that are about 3 inches by 1 1/2 inches. Transfer bread fingers to a baking sheet; toast in oven until light golden on each side, 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from oven.

3. Spread one heaping teaspoon cheese mixture on each bread finger. Top with a pear slice; garnish with pecan slices. Serve at room temperature.

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## A traditional scratch cook

### Woman doesn't deal with ordinary

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Pat Fossecco grew up on a ranch in Nebraska. The oldest of five children, she was recruited early to help Mom in the kitchen.

Her mother was Swedish, her father a meat-and-potatoes man, her mother-in-law Austrian and Italian. Dinner has always been a time for the family to gather and share the day's events.

Fossecco met her husband, Robert, at Colorado State University. When their children were young, Robert had a job that required a lot of travel. After a particularly long trip, about six weeks, the Fosseccos decided "that was enough," Pat Fossecco recalled.

Since both husband and wife had grown up on ranches, they started a search for a suitable ranch. A friend in Boise suggested they check out Idaho. They found a ranch near Gooding and packed up the family - the youngest child was 4 at the time. That was 28 years ago.

The three children thrived on ranch life and were active in 4-H, church, school and sports, Fossecco said. When the children were small, Fossecco made spaghetti about once a week. One of her daughters had a friend who loved spaghetti so much that, every time spaghetti was scheduled, that friend managed to show up and maneuver an invitation to dinner.

Fossecco worked as an office manager through the years. The children all went to college - one to the University of Idaho, one to Boise State and one to the College of Southern Idaho.

Daughter Lori Kleemann said her mother is "a traditional scratch cook that can turn the most ordinary meal into a sumptuous delight ... You may think this sounds ordinary, but my mother never used a bread machine (let alone any kind of measuring device). It was cheap-

er for her to buy flour, yeast and all the ingredients to make our own bread than buy it in the store."

Pat Fossecco shared some favorite recipes.

#### RASPBERRY CHEESECAKE/CREAM PIE

1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell  
12 ounces cream cheese, soft-  
ened

1 cup sugar

2 eggs

1 cup sour cream

2 (10-ounce) packages  
frozen raspberries

5 tablespoons cornstarch

1 pint whipping cream

Cream the cheese, 1/2 cup sugar and the eggs till well mixed. Pour into the pie crust and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Then allow to cool.

Spread sour cream over the top and chill 1 hour. Combine the berries, cornstarch and 1/2 cup sugar and cook till liquid is clear. Cool. Whip 1 cup cream and fold into the berry mixture. Cover with Saran Wrap and refrigerate.

(You can hold this for up to two days before serving.) When ready to serve, whip the other 1 cup of whipping cream with about 6 tablespoons sugar (or more to taste) and drop a dollop of whipped cream on each piece.

#### CINNAMON BROWNIES

2 cups flour

2 cups sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 cup water

2 sticks butter

2 tablespoons cocoa

2 eggs beaten

1/2 cup buttermilk

1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix the dry ingredients in a bowl. Place the butter, water and cocoa in a saucepan and bring to a boil, then pour it over the dry mixture. Beat the eggs, buttermilk and vanilla, then add to the flour-cocoa mixture and mix well. Bake in a greased 11-by-16-inch



Pat Fossecco is a traditional 'scratch cook,' known for turning simple foods into fantastic meals.

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sheet pan at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

About five minutes before the brownies are done make a frosting:

1 stick butter  
6 tablespoons milk  
3 tablespoons cocoa

1/2 cup brown sugar

1 3/4 cup powdered sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix butter, milk, cocoa and brown sugar in a pan. Heat well while stirring, but DO NOT BOIL.

Remove from heat and add the powdered sugar and vanilla.

Spread-on-the-brownies-while they are still warm. Top with 1/2 cup chopped nuts, if desired.

1 large jar maraschino cherries, drained and sliced

Combine the ingredients and cook on low heat till thick. Cool. Spread on sweet bread dough that has been rolled out very thin. You can use prepared sweet bread dough from the store. Or you can use this recipe:

Sweet bread dough:

1 cup lukewarm water

1/4 cup powdered milk

Please see SCRATCH, Page C8

## Make 5 a day sweet and easy

### Family Features

The best approach to good nutrition is balance! A good diet provides all the nutrients the body needs - carbohydrates, proteins, fiber, vitamins, minerals and yes, even fats - all taken in moderate quantities and in the right proportions.

Most health organizations, such as the American Heart Association and the American Dietetic Association, recommend at least five servings of fruit and vegetables daily.

#### SESAME-GINGER CABBAGE SALAD

Serves 6

Sesame-Ginger Dressing:

2 teaspoons Oriental sesame oil  
2 teaspoons minced fresh ginger  
3 tablespoons rice vinegar  
2 tablespoons peanut butter  
2 tablespoons honey  
2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce

Salt

1/2 cup thinly sliced green cabbage

2 cups thinly sliced red cabbage

1 Gala or Red Delicious apples, cored and chopped

2 green onions, chopped

1. Make Sesame-Ginger Dressing. In small skillet heat sesame oil over low heat. Add ginger; cook 1 minute. Transfer to small bowl and whisk in vinegar, peanut butter, honey and soy sauce; set aside.

2. Prepare Salad. In large bowl

combine both cabbages, apples and green onions. Add dressing; toss to coat. Let stand 5 minutes.



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For a nutritious and yummy meal, prepare Fruit and Honey Baked Custard and Pork Tenderloin with Honey Roasted Carrots and Apples.

Re-toss and serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving:  
- protein: 2g; total fat: 4g; saturated

fat: 7g; carbohydrate: 18g; fiber: 2g; sodium: 169mg; cholesterol: 0; calories: 111



Try something a bit different, such as Sesame-Ginger Cabbage Salad and Chicken With Cherry-Balsamic Sauce.

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#### CHICKEN WITH CHERRY-BALSAMIC SAUCE

Serves 4

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

4 boneless, skinless chicken

breast halves

Salt and pepper

1 medium onion, cut into thin wedges

1 small green bell pepper, cut into thin strips

1 can (16 1/2 ounces) sweet cherries, drained

1/4 cup honey

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar

2 teaspoons cornstarch

Please see BALANCE, Page C8

### Quick and delicious combinations

### Family Features

Here are some quick and delicious ways to add vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fiber to your everyday meals and snacks.

1. Stir applesauce, honey and canned sweet cherries into hot cereal for a quick, tasty breakfast boost on a chilly morning.

2. Mix 6 tablespoons of honey and 8 ounces cream cheese. Spread on bagels and toast.

3. Mix 3/4 cup peanut butter and 1/2 cup honey with a teaspoon of cinnamon, spread on toast or muffins and top with thin slices of apple for a delicious power-packed snack.

4. Thoroughly mix 1/2 cup honey and 1/2 cup Dijon-style mustard with a dash of Worcestershire and cayenne pepper for a great savory dip for apple slices.

5. Blend 3/4 cup canned or frozen sweet cherries and 1 cup vanilla ice cream into a blender; process until smooth and creamy for a luscious cherry shake.

## FOOD &amp; HOME

## Fighting winter blahs? Get your hands dirty

Itching to get your hands dirty? These bright winter days do that to a person. Start some seeds. Dig those half-used seed packets out of the drawer.

To make sure they're still good, put a few seeds between layers of damp paper towels. Let them sit overnight. In the morning, you should see sprouting. Plant some dill and parsley to brighten winter meals. Cilantro will do well in a sunny window, too.

Some people just seem to have some seeds. It's pretty simple—sow delicate seeds will be a welcome addition to the naked east window sill once it's up. It's fun to throw some impatiens seeds into warm, moist soil this time of year, too. They sprout quickly and easily and fill a window sill nicely.

Ham dish can be served with rice or noodles

## Newsday

The folks who give us Hormel cured ham also make this recipe available in a recipe booklet brochure, "Ham for All Seasons." They suggest serving the dish with rice; we think it would be just as good, maybe better, with noodles.

**HAM VEGETABLES DUJON**

1 1/2 cups whipping cream  
1/3 cup Dijon mustard  
3 cups diced cooked ham  
3 cups cut broccoli, cooked  
1 (4-ounce) can sliced mushrooms, drained  
1/4 teaspoon white pepper

In a large skillet, combine

cream and mustard. Bring to a boil. Cook over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring occasionally. Add ham, cooked broccoli, mushrooms and pepper. Heat through. Makes 4 servings.

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**GREEN  
THUMPRINTS**  
Cathy Walworth

Go to the paint store and get a long, narrow plastic container generally used to pack wallpaper in. It will be about 6 inches deep and 24 to 36 inches long. When planted with impatiens or marigolds or geraniums, this is the best window box planter you've ever seen.

Fill the container to within a little over an inch from the top with sterile potting

soil. Don't use garden soil. Even if the garden does happen to thaw out, you don't want to take the chance of battling damping off disease or inviting any other pathogens into your indoor garden. It's always better to start with a good, sterilized potting soil.

Drag a pencil point lightly over the surface of the potting soil. Sprinkle the seeds into the 1/8-inch rows. Pat down the potting soil gently and mist with warm water. Cover the whole thing with a sheet of waxed paper. Nothing fancy, just drape it over the top. The waxed paper will help keep in the moisture while the seeds get around to sprouting.

For a really quick sprouting, try shoving the whole planter into one of the

compartments under the waterbed. Tomato seeds sprout quickly under a waterbed, sometimes in 24 hours. Be sure to check them often.

As soon as the seeds have sprouted, take the waxed paper off the top and/or take the planter out from under the waterbed. They now want lots of indirect light and gently circulating air. In no time at all you'll have the neighborhood's earliest spring garden.

**Tip of the Week:** You know that once you have the seed packets out, you're going to start dreaming about next year's garden. Go ahead; plan it now, on paper.

One of the challenges of vegetable gardening is to water everything just right.

Some want quite a bit of water, while others don't. It's all too easy to give your tomatoes a good soaking while drowning a patch of neighboring carrots.

The solution? Group your crops according to water usage. An easy way to do this is to plant crops according to how big they'll get and how fast they'll grow.

For instance, lettuce, carrots, beets, spinach, and radishes make good neighbors, since they grow at about the same rate. Similarly, corn, tomatoes, and melons all grow quickly and get big—and therefore need lots of water—so it's helpful to plant them in the same area.

**What's bugging your garden?** Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: [cwtu200@pm.org](mailto:cwtu200@pm.org)

## Casserole is easy, economical

## Taste of Home

When Linda Philippi, of Ronan, Mont., started serving her Carrot Coin Casserole, it was just a creamed vegetable dish. Over time, she has enhanced it by trying different vegetables and adding nutmeg. Today, her scrumptious casserole makes a delicious dish-to-pass and is sure to spark recipe requests.

CARROT COIN  
CASSEROLE

12 medium carrots, sliced  
1 large onion, cut into 1/4-inch slices  
2 cups frozen peas  
1 1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese  
4 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided  
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
2 1/2 cups milk

1 cup crushed butter-flavored crackers (about 25 crackers)

Place carrots and a small amount of water in a saucepan; cover and cook over medium heat until crisp-tender, about 6 minutes. Add onion; bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 4-6 minutes or until onion is crisp-tender. Drain. Add peas and toss.

Place 4 cups in a greased, shallow 3-quart baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese. Top with remaining vegetables. In a saucepan over medium heat, melt 1 tablespoon butter. Stir in flour, salt, pepper and nutmeg until smooth. Gradually add milk, stirring constantly. Bring to a boil. Boil and stir for 2 minutes. Pour over the vegetables. In a small saucepan or skillet, combine cracker crumbs and remaining butter. Cook and stir over medium heat until toasted. Sprinkle over casserole. Bake, uncovered, at 350 for 30-40 minutes or until bubbly. Makes 12 servings.

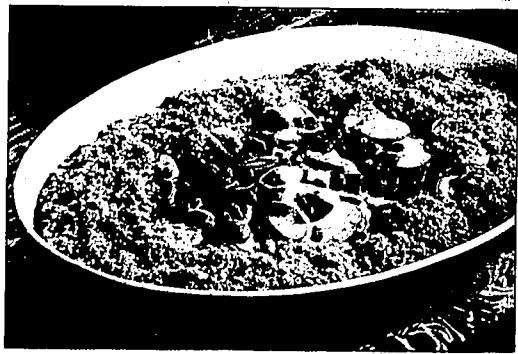


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## Warm up the winter by baking fresh bread

Once the Christmas holidays are over, it seems so long till spring. The weather is cold, the nights are long and the roads are often bad. On those long winter afternoons, when I am stuck at home, I like nothing better than baking bread. My mother used to make a great potato bread. It was sweet and fluffy.

I tried to replicate my mother's bread recently and was amazed at what a difference using potato water made in the texture of the bread.

The next time you have mashed potatoes made from real potatoes, save back the water the potatoes were boiled in. Refrigerate it till you have time to bake bread. Don't worry about the bits and pieces of mashed or disintegrating potato floating in the water. Those pieces will blend in and make the bread taste even better. I even purposely squash up a boiled potato or two into the water when I make bread.

You can make the potato bread using your favorite bread recipe, substituting the potato water for the water in the recipe. Or you can try my favorite bread recipe.

### POATO BREAD

1/2 cup powdered milk  
1/4 cup sugar  
2 teaspoons salt  
2 packages "rapid rise" active dry yeast  
2 cups lukewarm potato water (chunks and all)  
1 egg  
1/4 cup oil or melted shortening

6 to 7 cups flour

Place yeast, potato water, salt, sugar, powdered milk and three-four tablespoons of flour into a bowl. Mix with a spoon and set in a warm place to allow the yeast to work. When the yeast is getting bubbly, pour the yeast water into the bowl of your mixer. Add the egg and the oil, and several cups of flour. Use a dough hook, start mixing that bread. Gradually add the remainder of the flour and mix until it is soft and satiny. Grease a large bowl with oil and roll the bread dough in the oil, making sure it is well covered. Cover with Saran wrap in a warm place and allow the dough to rise. When it has doubled in size, punch it down and allow it to rise once again. When it has risen the second time, you can make cinnamon rolls, dinner rolls, leaves of bread, pizza crust, or cinnamon bread with this recipe.

For cinnamon rolls: Grease a cookie sheet with melted butter. Divide the dough in two equal pieces. Roll half of the dough into a large rectangle about 1 1/2-inch thick. Spread melted butter on top, and sprinkle moderately with a mixture of half cinnamon and half sugar. Then sprinkle 1/2 cup brown sugar, 3/4 cup mixed nuts and 3/4 cup raisins over the dough. Spread the nuts, raisins and sugar evenly. Roll it up, making sure to keep the good sides tucked inside. Seal the edge. Stretch it out if necessary to keep the middle from getting too big around. Cut the long roll into 2- to 3-inch sections. Roll each section piece in melted butter, place on the cookie sheet and flatten with your open palm. Space the cinnamon rolls a couple of inches apart so they have room to spread when they rise. Allow to rise and bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Once the cinnamon rolls are done, make a frosting of 4 ounces cream cheese and 1/2 cup powdered sugar. Mix well. Spread the frosting on the cinnamon rolls while they are still hot from the oven. Once the cinnamon rolls are cool, I like to divide them up. The family eats



VALLEY COOKING  
Dixie Thomas Reale

some of them immediately, and I freeze the rest of them in individual sandwich-sized plastic bags. Then later when I want a cinnamon roll, I take it out of the freezer and zap it in the microwave to get a hot, freshly baked cinnamon roll taste. (Remember, you divided the cinnamon roll dough into two equal parts. You can make cinnamon rolls from both halves of the bread dough or you can use one half for one of the following variations.)

For dinner rolls: Pinch off a piece of dough and roll around on a floured surface till it forms into a ball. Roll the little balls in butter and place on a greased cookie sheet about two inches apart. After the rolls rise, bake in a 350-degree oven for 20 to 30 minutes or till golden brown.

For leaves of bread: Shape into a loaf and roll in butter, place in a loaf pan and allow to rise. Bake for about 35 to 45 minutes in a 350-degree oven till golden. The bread will have a hollow sound when tapped with your knuckles when it is done.

For pizza dough: Divide the bread dough into four equal parts and press each part to cover the bottom of a 12-inch pizza pan. Let it rise for about 15 minutes and spread with your favorite sauce and toppings. Bake at 400 degrees for about 20 minutes.

For cinnamon bread: Roll half of the dough out into a rectangle. Sprinkle with a mixture of half cinnamon and half sugar. If you like raisins, throw in a handful of raisins with the cinnamon and sugar. Roll up the dough and pinch the ends to seal it. Place it seam side down in a loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes or till golden. The bread will sound hollow when tapped with the knuckles.

Nothing goes better with homemade bread than a big pot of stew. Stew is simple to make. I throw in whatever vegetables I have handy. I like to clean out the refrigerator when making stew.

HALBURGER STEW  
Crumble and cook 1 pound ground beef in large skillet till it is no longer pink.

Add:  
6 chicken bouillon cubes and 3 or 4 cups water.

3 potatoes, peeled and chopped  
1 chopped onion  
2 stalks celery, chopped  
2 carrots, chopped  
1 clove garlic chopped  
1 bell pepper, chopped  
5 mushrooms, chopped  
2 tomatoes, chopped  
1 cup corn

Bring to a boil. Cook till the vegetables are done. Add water as needed to keep the pan from boiling dry. Season with oregano, basil, rosemary, salt and pepper to taste. If you like chili peppers, chop one up and throw it in. It will help warm the stew. If you have any leftover, cooked noodles or rice, throw them in at the end just before you serve, to absorb excess liquid.

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## Boiler can save money, add comfort

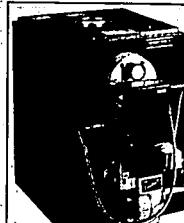
DEAR JIM: We are building a large room addition. Our inefficient furnace should probably be replaced and we are considering a boiler system. Will there be any savings with a boiler and is comfort much better?

-BRENDA H.

DEAR BRENDA: The answer is "yes" to both of your questions. A boiler system can provide the best comfort, especially when it is coupled with a warm floor radiant heat system. There will also be substantial savings on your utility bills, due primarily to the more efficient operation of a new unit.

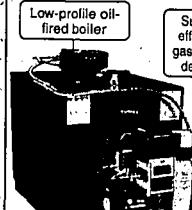
People often think of boilers as being used only in very cold climates, but with their better comfort and low noise, they are becoming more popular in mild climates too. There are several types of non-ducted central air-conditioning systems now available, so sometimes cooling is not a problem.

Installing radiant floor heating in your new room addition will be simple during the construction phase along with ductless or high-velocity central air-conditioning. For the rest of your house, install a new furnace blower with a coil



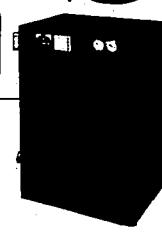
Hi-tech gas boiler design with special heat exchanger

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New efficient boilers are more common.

from the boiler in it for forced air heat like you currently have.

The basic boiler type options are natural gas- (propane) and oil-fired. The top-of-the-line gas models have the highest efficiencies and, at today's utility rates, are probably less expensive to operate than oil-fired models.

Your contractor can do a computerized operating cost comparison.

Many new boilers use a sealed combustion design meaning that the combustion air is drawn in from outdoors instead of from inside your home. This not only saves energy, but it reduces the chances of carbon monoxide poi-

soning and chilly indoor drafts. It also reduces combustion noise levels.

The newest gas boilers have gone hi-tech, much like gas forced-air furnaces. These use condensing heat exchangers designed to squeeze out almost every last bit of heat before the exhaust leaves the flue. The cool exhaust gases are vented outdoors through a plastic pipe, so no chimney is needed.

Some gas-fired designs use an evaporative recooling tower and heat recovery unit to preheat the incoming outdoor combustion air for extra savings. Another design uses the pulse combustion principle where the fuel burns in rapid intense bursts instead of in a slow standing flame.

In areas with frequent outdoor temperature swings, consider a two-stage (low/high heat output) non-condensing gas boiler. In all but the very coldest weather, the burner operates in the lower output mode. A new boiler can also heat your domestic hot water more efficiently than a standard water heater and you will never run out of hot water for morning showers.

Write for (instantly download ~www.dulley.com) Update Bulletin No. 878 - buyer's guide to 13 super-efficient gas and oil boiler manufacturers, listing efficiencies, size, venting methods, warranties, features and a savings/payback chart. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Dulley, 5906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

## Kids will enjoy making these recipes

By Kayla Quiles  
Los Angeles News Service

Here are some great kid-style recipes.

### UNCLE JOHN'S CINNAMON BREAD

1/4 cup raisins  
1 pound loaf frozen bread dough, thawed  
1/2 stick unsalted butter, softened  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons cinnamon  
In a small bowl, soak raisins in hot water for half an hour. Drain; set aside. Roll out dough on a lightly floured board into a 12-by-6-inch rectangle. Spread softened butter on top. Combine sugar with cinnamon and sprinkle on top along with raisins. Starting at a 12-inch end, roll up dough, pinching seams closed. Place in a greased loaf pan. Cover with a clean kitchen towel and let rise until double in size, about 2 to 4 hours. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 15 to 18 minutes, or until golden brown.

STEPHEN'S FRUIT DIP  
8-ounce package cream cheese, softened  
7 1/2-ounce jar Marshmallow Fluff

Combine in a medium-sized bowl. Serve with your choice of fruit.

### POPCORN BARS

8 cups popped popcorn  
1/2 cup M&Ms or gum drops  
1/3 cup unsalted peanuts  
2 cups miniature marshmallows  
3 tablespoons butter  
In a large bowl, combine popcorn with candy and peanuts. Set aside. Place marshmallows and butter in another bowl and microwave on high for 2 minutes, stirring after 1 minute. Pour marshmallow mixture over popcorn mixture; toss until evenly coated. With buttered hands, press mixture into greased 9-inch-square pan. Chill until firm. When cool, cut into 16 bars.

### GUMDROP COOKIES

1/2 cup vegetable shortening  
1 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 egg  
4 tablespoons milk  
1 1/3 cups flour  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
3 cup red and green gumdrops, cut in half  
In a bowl, using a mixer, beat

until smooth. Add flour, salt and baking soda.

Stir in gumdrops. Drop by spoonfuls onto a cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes.

When cooled, remove from cookie sheet and store in airtight containers.

When melted, spoon chocolate into mini-bite cups, filling one-third full. Let sit 10 minutes.

Spoon about 1 teaspoon of peanut butter on top of chocolate. Chill well before serving.

## Oats enrich this meatloaf

Newsday

This oat-enriched meatloaf recipe comes, not surprisingly, from Quaker Oats. It can be further enhanced by adding a half cup of corn or peas (defrosted if frozen, drained if canned) or chopped bell pepper. More oat-related recipes are available at [www.quakeroatmeal.com](http://www.quakeroatmeal.com).

### PRIZE-WINNING MEATLOAF

1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef or ground turkey  
1 cup tomato juice or tomato sauce  
3/4 cup uncooked oats, quick or old-fashioned  
1 egg or 2 egg whites, lightly beaten  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients. Mix lightly but thoroughly. Press mixture into a 8-by-4-inch loaf pan. Bake 1 hour or until a thermometer registers 160 degrees and the center is no longer pink. Let stand 5 minutes. Drain off any juices before slicing. Makes 8 servings.

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## Camden has great curb appeal

Multiple roof lines, arched multi-paned windows and brick detailing give curb appeal to the Camden, a mid-sized home with a bright and spacious vaulted great room. The room by the front door could be used as a home office.

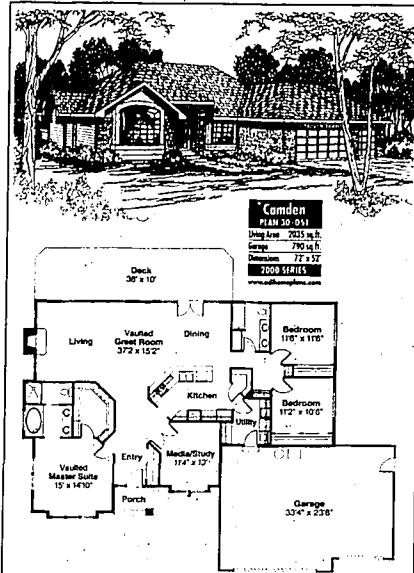
A stately brick column supports the high arched portico, creating a dramatic first impression. Multi-paned windows, crowned by a brick arch, cap the door. Inside, light spills into the high-ceilinged entry through these windows and a sidelight on the left.

The vaulted great room is equally striking. Living room and dining room flow together, while the kitchen is partially separated by a long angled counter with a raised eating bar. Standing at the sink or range, you can scan the great room, or lift your gaze to watch the seasons change through French doors that open onto a wide deck.

One large cupboard is over the range. More are on the wall behind, where an oven and microwave are built into the counter and cabinets. A large walk-in pantry adds still more storage space. Washer and dryer are conveniently close in a good-sized utility room that connects the kitchen to the three-car garage. This room comes outfitted with a utility sink, folding counter and plenty of cabinets.

The master suite is well-isolated from the secondary rooms. It boasts a huge D-shaped closet, a two-section bathroom, and a vaulted sleeping area with a high arched window in its boxed bay—a great location for a window seat.

Secondary bedrooms in the Camden share a bathroom with



double vanity. The handy two-sided linen closet can be loaded from the utility room, unloaded from the hall.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100

Jacobs Drive, Department W, Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Camden 30-051 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring 300 home plans is available for \$12. For more information call (800) 634-0123.

## Getting the right do-it-yourself manual can make projects easy

**QUESTION:** I'm a new homeowner and would like to buy a good book on do-it-yourself home repairs and improvements. What do you recommend?

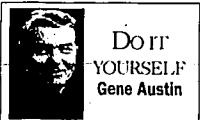
**ANSWER:** A longtime favorite is "New Fix-It-Yourself Manual" (\$35 hard cover, Reader's Digest, 1-800-846-2100). A first-rate new book is "Home Book" (\$40 hard cover, Creative Homeowner, 1-800-631-7795). The books can be ordered from the publishers. They are also sold at some bookstores and home centers and can be ordered by book dealers. "New Fix-It-Yourself Manual" has more than 3,000 illustrations and covers hundreds of topics, from appliance repair and adhesives to wood staining and yard tools. Millions of copies of this book have been sold, and it is one of the best books of its kind available.

"Home Book," which is subtitled "The Ultimate Guide to Repairs, Improvements & Maintenance," also has more than 3,000 illustrations, and it covers more than 300 projects step by step. Projects are arranged in categories that make them easy to find. I think this comprehensive book will become a favorite reference for many homeowners.

**QUESTION:** I see many advertisements for cleaning the air ducts of heating and air-conditioning systems. Is it necessary? What is the most effective method, and how often should it be done?

**ANSWER:** Duct cleaning can offer some benefits, mainly improvements in the air quality of a home. Dust, mold and other contaminants often build up in the ducts of heating and air-conditioning systems, and some of the contaminants can be swept into the living area. This can pose a special problem for those with asthma, allergies, and other respiratory problems.

However, the National Air



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Gene Austin

Duct Cleaning Association, a trade group, points out that consumers should beware of air-duct cleaning companies that make sweeping claims about the health benefits of duct cleaning, such claims are unsubstantiated.

It is also possible to remove most of the airborne contaminants in household air by using high-efficiency filters in central heating and air-conditioning systems, by using electronic air cleaners in living areas, or by painting.

Still, if the air ducts in a home have heavy deposits of mold and dirt, cleaning would seem to be a good idea. A secondary benefit might be some improvement in the energy efficiency of the heating and cooling equipment.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, air-duct cleaning typically costs \$450 to \$1,000, so it is not a project to be undertaken lightly. Homeowners can check their own ducts by removing registers at strategic points and using a mirror and flashlight to look for contamination. Duct-cleaning contractors generally offer free estimates and inspections.

Contractors usually use mechanical methods, such as brushes and whips, to loosen debris, and powerful vacuums to remove it. The contractors' trade group does not allow its members to use encapsulation, in which debris is coated with a glue-like material that is supposed to hold it in place.

The trade group—which has an informative Web site at <http://www.nadca.com/>—says the ideal frequency of duct cleaning

will depend on such factors as whether there are smokers and pets in the household (since both can increase air contamination) and whether occupants have respiratory problems. You should also consider cleaning air ducts when moving into a previously occupied house. Cleaning every four to eight years is typical, a spokeswoman for the trade association said.

**QUESTION:** I am trying to find covers for two window wells outside my living room. I think the water that enters these wells contributes to problems with the paint in the room. Can you help?

**ANSWER:** Uncovered window wells that take in water can contribute to several problems, including water damage and peeling paint. Well covers help keep out rain, leaves and other debris. The covers also serve as storm windows for the basement windows, helping keep heat in and cold air out of the basement.

Window-well covers in stock sizes are available at some home centers. If ready-made covers won't fit your wells, you can order custom-made covers from Dilworth Manufacturing Co., Honey Brook, Pa. (1-888-624-8699). Dilworth's well covers are made of durable acrylic and range in price from about \$55 to about \$250 each. Special "escape" covers, which can be opened from inside the basement, are available if basement windows are needed for emergency exits.

When ordering custom covers from Dilworth, you will first be given measuring instructions. After you return the measuring form to Dilworth, the company will provide a written price quote.

Readers' questions and comments are welcome and should be sent to Gene Austin, the Philadelphia Inquirer, Box 881, Blue Bell, Pa. 19422. Austin's e-mail address is [austin@phillynews.com](mailto:austin@phillynews.com). Questions cannot be answered personally.

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## White House change of party means change in party-goers

By Ellen Gamerman  
Los Angeles Times News Service

WASHINGTON — The battle of campaign 2000 was never really about Republicans and Democrats. In the more meaningful currency of the capital, it was all about who throws a better party.

"Republicans entertain very differently from Democrats," says Susan Lacz, co-owner of Kridgewell's caterers, a longtime fixture in the city's high-society bashes. "With Republicans, it's a little more elaborate, a little more fancy, a little more formal than with Democrats. From a caterer's standpoint, it's tuna tartar vs. tuna salad."

As the White House goes from Democrat to Republican for the first time in 20 years, the ruling class is getting ready for a make-over. Among the predictions: More state dinners (Nancy Reagan threw about one a month, much more often than Hillary Rodham Clinton), no nonsense party wear (Barbara Bush banned women's pantsuits from the White House) and an outgrowth of elaborate soirees featuring several generations of Bush confidantes.

"Your dinner parties will be formal," predicts socialite and New York executive Georgette Mosbacher, a friend of both Bush and his father. "And there will be very traditional holiday celebrations."

Washington itself is changing. The suburbs are sprawling ever further while the Georgetown, powerful are being challenged by Northern Virginia's fabulously wealthy, underdressed techies. But the capital still takes on the flavor of whatever president has

pens to live in it.

When Jimmy Carter left in 1981 and the Reagans moved in, the city went from modest country folk, peanut jokes and sensible shoes to Hollywood celebrities, furs and limousines.

Of course, there are those who say Washington never reinvents itself all that much. The same lobbyists and media stars will fling White House invitations now as before.

"Sam Donaldson had a party the other night and Dick Cheney and Joe Lieberman were there, and they greeted each other and then immediately went off to separate rooms," said Republican Buffy Cafritz, a leading light in Washington society, of a tense interaction between the rival running mates at a Washington dinner party just before Vice President Al Gore conceded the presidential election. "Let's hope the reputation George W. Bush has as a healer works, because we're going to need it."

As governor, Bush was known for his down-home bonhomie, and he is likely to bring that style to the capital — not to mention Texas pals and Bush "Pioneers" who gave generously to the campaign. Carrying in a whiff of Texas on his hand-tooled cowboy boots, Bush will be to blame if there is a revival of 1980s dress-up denim, sticky-fingered networking over Texas barbecue and several-gallon cowboy hats.

"We're going to see a big influence of Texas now," says Sheila Tate, the public relations guru and former press secretary to

Nancy Reagan. And, of course, along with George W. and Laura Bush will come ... more Bushes. Just like the Republican National Convention brought out George and Barbara Bush, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and even hunky 24-year-old Bush nephew George P. Bush.

Among the likely regulars at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. will be Bush's sister, Doro, who lives in Bethesda, Md., with her husband, Robert Koch, a wine industry lobbyist and Democrat. The White House also will welcome the Bushes' twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara, when the two are not away at college.

And the leading lights from the Social Register in Texas are already on their way. Nancy Brinker, a Dallas socialite who heads the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, will make her Washington debut with a party for the Bush team at the Jackie Club (they lunch on Nancy Reagan Chicken Salad), which is located in the same hotel where Democrat Gore was received.

Other likely Texas transplant include Jim Franks, the Texas Public Safety Commission chairman, whom Bush is said to be considering for a law enforcement post in his administration and whose wife, Debbie, is Laura Bush's best friend.

Leading Republican entertainers are likely to include Mosbacher, ex-wife of the senior Bush's former commerce secretary, and Alma Powell, organizer of Kennedy Center galas and wife of Colin L. Powell, whom Bush nominated for secretary of state.

## Outfielder gives up home base

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — St. Louis Cardinals outfielder Eric Davis, a former Dodger, has listed his Woodland Hills home at \$1.2 million.

Davis, 38, and his wife, Sherrie, want more land and are looking to buy a home on one to two acres in the West Valley, where her family lives. Eric and Sherrie Davis have two children.

The outfielder, a native of L.A., joined the Dodgers in the early '80s and was known as Eric the Red when he played with the Cincinnati Reds during the

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1980s. Likened to the greater center fielder Willie Mays, Davis hit 37 homers and had 100 RBIs and 50 stolen bases in 1987, when he also won his first Gold Glove. He hit .303 with six home runs and 40 RBIs in 254 at-bats for the Cardinals, who won the N.L. Central Division.

The outfielder, who is 6 feet 4 inches, 210 pounds, and his wife said he is thinking about retiring.

During the '97 baseball season, Davis waged a successful battle

against colon cancer. He won a number of awards for his courage in returning to the game. In 1999, he wrote the autobiography "Born to Play: The Eric Davis Story."

His Woodland Hills home of 11 years is Mediterranean in style with six bedrooms in 6,800 square feet. Built in 1979, the home, behind gates, also has a 1,000-square-foot sports media room, an office, a nine-car garage, a pool, spa, a gym and a full basketball court. The home also has a family room with two large-screen TVs, a bar and a 400-gallon aquarium.

## Keeping filters clean saves energy

The Orlando Sentinel

QUESTION: I know that the filters on the heating and cooling system ought to be changed every month. We have friends who say they never do this and their home feels just fine. Is this necessary?

ANSWER: It sure is. You may not feel the difference, and your filters may not be significantly different from your neighbors, but you can bet your air is cleaner and your heating and cooling system is working more efficiently.

Any time you can hold a fiber-glass filter up and see that dirt is blocking light from getting through it, it needs to be changed or cleaned. But rather than wait for filters to get that dirty, changing them every month ensures that they are

### Home energy

doing their job. If you have a long-haired pet, clean the filters often. If someone in your family has allergies, clean the filters often. If your area has high air pollution, clean the filters often. If the filters are clean, they can keep the air cleaner.

ENERGY TIP: Want to save energy and lower your power bill? Lighting can make a big

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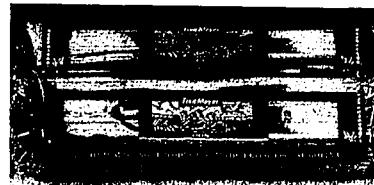
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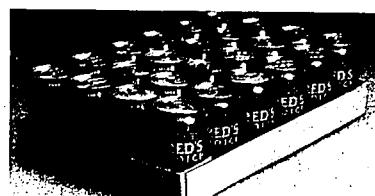
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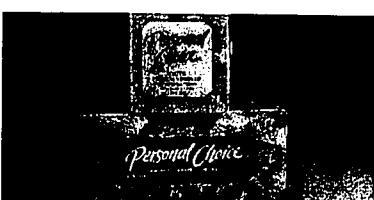
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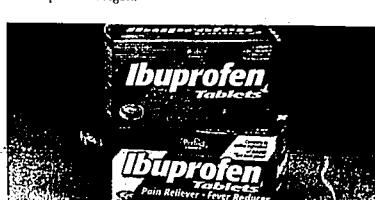
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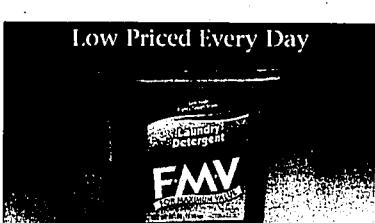
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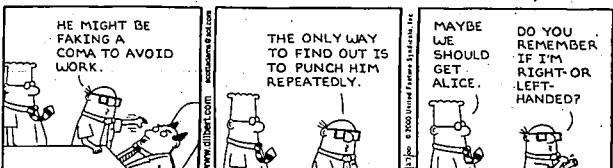
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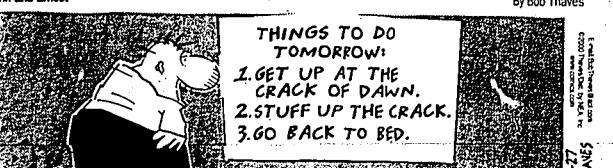
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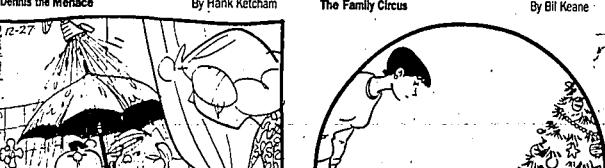
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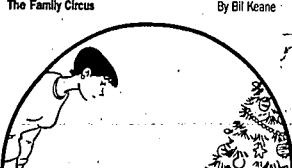
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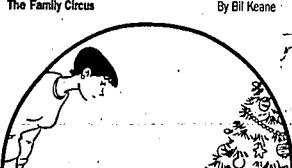


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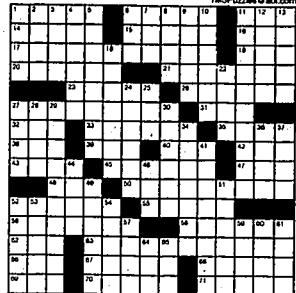
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 58 DEAR ABBY: In the continuing saga of how men are different from women, let me share this with you.

Peter, my significant other, was involved in a men's counseling group. One of the topics about which they were to report back during their next meeting was "What Women Want From Men in Their Relationships." Members of the group discussed reading the "Women Seeking Men" personal ads to get a better understanding of what women want. (Pretty ingenious if you think about it!)

I told Peter he should do some home study and ask me. I explained that women need to feel loved, wanted, beautiful and needed by their partner. I was the only human of our home putting the finishing touches on my face, and I asked Peter if he thought he had recently met these qualities in our relationship.

His clever reply was: "I LOVED you last night. I WANTED you to make coffee this morning. You look BEAUTIFUL today — and I NEED you to get out of the bathroom RIGHT NOW!" May I add that one important quality women need from men in a relationship is HUMOR. Humor makes anything possible — and I thank the Lord that my darling has it in abundance.

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DEAR ABBY  
 Abigail VanBuren

to follow the rules.

— CONCERNED KNOXVILLE MOM

DEAR CONCERNED: Yes, it's a bad idea. I know it's tempting, but such a ruse would be dishonest and potentially traumatizing. When your daughter discovers you play "tricks," it might give her a false sense of security. Also, your credibility would be damaged for years to come, and a "keeper."

message across, so he is a skilled communicator. And because he's in a counseling group, it's apparent he's interested in personal growth. I think you've found a "keeper."

DEAR ABBY: My 10-year-old daughter, "Amber," stays home one or two hours by herself after school until I return home from work. She has rules to go by; however, she has been known to break them.

Amber answers the door when she shouldn't and leaves the door unlocked. She doesn't take seriously the bad things that can happen to her.

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your daughter would always wonder what kind of trick you would pull next — and I wouldn't blame her.

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## Balance

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1 teaspoon dried thyme, crushed  
1/2 teaspoon basil  
1. In large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Add chicken breasts and cook just until brown on both sides. Season with salt and pepper, as desired. Remove to plate; set aside.

2. Reduce heat to medium. Add onion and green pepper to skillet; cook and stir for 5 to 6 minutes until pepper is crisp-tender. Stir often.

3. In small bowl, combine honey, vinegar, cornstarch, thyme and salt; mix until blended and cornstarch is dissolved.

4. Gradually add to skillet; cook, stirring until liquid in skillet thickens. Reduce heat to low. Return chicken to pan, cover and cook 5 to 8 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.

*Nutrition information per serving – protein: 27g; total fat: 6g; saturated fat: 1g; carbohydrate: 24g; fiber: 1g; sodium: 332mg; cholesterol: 73mg; calories: 263*

### FRUIT AND HONEY BAKED CUSTARD

Serves 6  
2 Jonagold or Golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored, chopped  
2 tablespoons honey  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 can (16 1/2 ounces) sweet cherries, drained  
3 eggs  
1 cup reduced-fat (2 percent) milk  
3/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1/3 cup honey  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons sliced almonds

## Scratch

Continued from C1

1 teaspoon salt  
2 packages yeast  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1 1/2 cups butter  
4 1/2 cups flour  
Place the powdered milk, yeast, salt and sugar into the lukewarm water and allow it to work. Then add the eggs, butter and flour and either knead or mix with your bread hook until it is smooth and elastic. Allow to raise for 2 hours. Punch down and allow to raise another 1/2 hour. Divide in 4 equal pieces and roll each out as thin as possible and place on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Place 1/4 of the filling

1. Heat oven to 375 F. In small bowl, combine apples, 2 tablespoons honey and cinnamon; mix well and set aside.

2. Place butter in 2-quart shallow baking pan; place in oven to melt. Remove from oven; spoon apple mixture over butter in pan. Add cherries, distributing evenly.

3. In blender or food processor container, combine eggs, milk, flour, 1/3 cup honey, vanilla and salt; process until smooth. Pour evenly into pan.

4. Bake 15 minutes. Sprinkle apples, peeled, cored and cut in 1-inch chunks or slices

1. Heat oven to 425 F. In a small bowl, whisk together vinegar, honey, oil and mustard. In large roasting pan, mix carrots and onion with honey and vinegar mixture.

2. Place tenderloin in center of pan and turn to coat with honey mixture. Rub rosemary and sage on surface of meat. Sprinkle salt and pepper over pork and vegetables. Roast 15 minutes.

3. Remove pan from oven. Stir in apples and remaining honey mixture. Roast, stirring once, 15 to 20 minutes or until meat thermometer registers 160 F. Let pork rest, slice and arrange on serving platter, surround with roasted vegetables and sugar before serving.

*Nutrition information per serving – protein: 8g; total fat: 5g; saturated fat: 1g; carbohydrate: 11g; fiber: 2g; sodium: 80 mg; cholesterol: 110 mg; calories: 306g*

### PORK TENDERLOIN WITH HONEY ROASTED CARROTS AND APPLES

Serves 4  
1/4 cup cider vinegar  
3 tablespoons honey  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 teaspoons coarse grain Dijon-style mustard  
5 medium carrots, peeled and thickly sliced  
1 large red onion, cut in thick wedges  
1 pound pork tenderloin  
1 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed  
1/2 teaspoon dried sage  
1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper  
2 Fuji or Granny Smith medium

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*Nutrition information per serving – protein: 34g; total fat: 10g; saturated fat: 2g; carbohydrate: 46g; fiber: 7g; sodium: 462 mg; cholesterol: 89mg; calories: 402*



## Supplies of Cheetos drop by 10 percent

The Philadelphia Inquirer

A snack attack: Cheetos lovers, prepare for a crunch. Supplies of

the cheese-flavored snack are down by as much as 10 percent as maker Frito-Lay Inc. attempts to keep genetically engineered corn

out of the recipe. "We've required all commercial to meet all tests, and that's slowed things down," said spokeswoman Lynn Markley.

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## SPORTS

## Motor City madness

Cincinnati and Marshall smile in the snow

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Sure, there's some 2 feet of snow on the ground and it's considered warm if the thermometer approaches 30 degrees.

But that hasn't cooled the excitement that Cincinnati and Marshall have for playing in the Motor City Bowl.

"We can have fun no matter where we're at," Marshall senior receiver Nate Poole said. "Why complain when you have a chance to play another football game? And you can't knock this bowl until you experience it."

Poole and the Thundering Herd (7-5) would know.

Marshall is the only school that



## Motor City Bowl

Cincinnati (7-4) vs. Marshall (7-5) Today, ESPN 2 p.m. (ESPN)

has represented the Mid-American Conference in the short history of the Motor City Bowl.

It lost to Mississippi by three points in 1997 and won easily the past two years.

The Motor City Bowl and the MAC will discuss their contract after this game to explore options for selecting teams for future bowls. Who the bid automatically goes to the winner of the MAC championship game, regardless of the team's record.

This season, Toledo finished 10-1 and Western Michigan, which lost

to Marshall in the championship game, was 9-3.

The Bearcats (7-4) didn't have to be the champions of Conference USA to go to the Motor City Bowl, but they chose to be here when they could've played in the Mobile Alabama Bowl or the gallerymurniture.com Bowl in Houston.

"We could've gone to two other bowls in warmer climates against bigger conferences teams like a big 10 team," Cincinnati coach Rick Minter said. "But we chose to come here. Those other bowls are about the same, there's not a nickel bit of difference payout-wise (\$750,000 per team). We decided, let's go where our fans can go while we're trying to build our tradition as a program."

In October, it didn't look like either Cincinnati or Marshall would be in any bowl game.

The Bearcats were 3-4 before winning their last four games.

"Our backs were to the wall

after that start and our defense said, 'Get on our backs!'" Minter said. "We had 20 takeaways from that unit during the last four games and that's what really gave us the opportunity to be here."

The Thundering Herd started 2-4, which included a loss to Western Michigan on Oct. 5. That game marked the end of the nation's longest home winning streak at 33 games.

Marshall won four of its last five regular-season games and capped the run with a 19-14 come-from-behind win over Western Michigan in the MAC championship game.

While Marshall is playing in its fourth straight bowl, Cincinnati is playing in its first since 1997 and just its second since 1951.

"It's all about perspective," Minter said. "Our guys are hungry to be here, so we're looking forward to this. We're not all disappointed. We're thrilled to be here."

—By Mark Dickey, Times-News

## Sixers keep their guards up to beat Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Aaron McKie stepped in for injured Allen Iverson, scoring a season-high 24 points as the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Utah Jazz 97-91 Tuesday night, ending a 12-year losing streak in Utah.

Iverson partially dislocated his right shoulder in Friday's game against the New York Knicks and will miss 1-3 weeks.

But the Sixers made up for the loss of Iverson's flashy scoring with a solid 56 percent shooting through three quarters.

John Stockton led the Jazz with 19 points and 12 assists but Utah was doomed by 45 percent shooting and a 36-29 rebounding disadvantage.

## Mavs 114, SuperSonics 93

DALLAS — Michael Finley scored 38 points, including 27 in the first half, as the Dallas-made coach Don Nelson the third winningest coach in NBA history.

With his 94th victory, Nelson moved into third place for coaching

wins behind Toronto's Lenny Wilkens (1,192) and Miami's Pat Riley (1,012).

Brent Barry added 20 points for Seattle.

## Hornets 115, Cavaliers 110

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jamal Mashburn scored eight of his 27 points in overtime Tuesday night as the Charlotte Hornets beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 115-110 for their seventh consecutive win.

The Hornets have the longest current winning streak in the NBA and won 11 straight at home.

## Pistons 101, Celtics 96

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Jerry Stackhouse had 33 points and seven assists as the Detroit Pistons overcame a season-high 25 turnovers, including 10 in the fourth quarter.

Joe Smith added 20 points and nine rebounds and Ben Wallace had nine points and 16 rebounds for the Pistons.

Antoine Walker led Boston with 26 points. Paul Pierce added 19 and Tony Battie 18.

## Spurs 103, Rockets 95

SAN ANTONIO — Antonio Daniels scored a career-high 26 points, including 14 in the second half, and had 10 assists as San Antonio won for the fifth time in six games.

Tim Duncan had 20 points and 13 rebounds, and David Robinson added 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Spurs. Derek Anderson scored 11 points.

## Hawks 82, Nets 76

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jason Terry scored nine of his 18 points in the final 2:27 to rally Atlanta to its fourth straight victory.

Dikembe Mutombo, who grabbed a season-high 28 rebounds, added 12 points and five blocks for the Hawks.

## Bucks 89, Magic 77

MILWAUKEE — Ray Allen scored 25 points and hit four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter as Milwaukee won its third

straight.

Tracy McGrady led the Magic with 26 points and Darrall Armstrong added 20.

## T-wolves 100, Raptors 97

MINNEAPOLIS — Terrell Brandon scored 24 points and Kevin Garnett added 22 as Minnesota snapped a four-game losing streak.

Vince Carter scored 32 points, including 11 in the fourth quarter, for the Raptors.

## Nuggets 109, Clippers 108

DENVER — Nick Van Exel had layup and free throw with five seconds remaining, and Antonio McDyess had 35 points and 12 rebounds.

The Denver Nuggets beat the Los Angeles Clippers 109-108 Tuesday night.

Voshon Lenard added 18 points and Raef LaFrentz had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Nuggets.

**Basketball under the warm desert sky**

## Arizona State,

Tennessee women to tip it off outdoors

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona State coach Charli Turner Thorne was looking for a way to draw attention to her women's basketball program.

Then she heard an idea that intrigued her. You're from Arizona. Why don't you play a game outdoors? "Nobody liked it except me," Turner Thorne said, laughing at the memory.

Eventually, she convinced enough other people the idea had merit and now, three years later, it's going to happen. Arizona State will play No. 2 Tennessee tonight at Bank One Ballpark, home of

baseball's Arizona Diamondbacks.

They'll be outdoors, under the stars, in the cool of a desert evening in what is believed to be the first college basketball game ever played in the open air. The crowd will be the largest ever for an Arizona State game and could be the largest for a women's basketball game west of the Mississippi River.

Fans also will be contributing to a cause: Some of the proceeds will be donated to breast cancer research. TV talk-show host Rosie O'Donnell is the game's honorary spokeswoman.

"Really, there's no downside to it," Turner Thorne said. "It's kind of a David-and-Goliath situation for us, so we have nothing to lose. We're raising the awareness of women's basketball, we're raising money for breast cancer research."

"If we're playing in an outdoor facility, that's a first for us," Turner Thorne said. "We're always looking for opportunities that are unique and special for our student-athletes and our program, and we certainly felt this would be."

More than 15,000 tickets have been sold, ensuring that Arizona State will break its attendance record of 5,271 and the Pac-10 record of 9,783. The largest crowd for a women's game in the western half of the country was 18,018 at

and it's a fun event."

Tennessee coach Pat Summit was drawn to the idea of doing something different because, let's face it, the Lady Vols certainly don't need the publicity. Summit is one of the game's best-known and most successful coaches, and her teams have won six national championships.

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The record is 24,597 at Tennessee, against Connecticut in 1998.

For baseball, the park holds around 46,000 fans. It's never been played host to basketball since it opened in 1998, but has staged religious rallies, monster-truck contests, women's soccer and — on Thursday — will be site of its first football game, the Insight.com Bowl.

Arizona State said it knew of no other college basketball games played outdoors.

If it rains, no problem. The stadium has a massive roof that can be closed.

"It's pretty enclosed, so I don't think we'll have to worry about the wind affecting shots," Turner Thorne said.

## Tiger

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straight majors and more than half of all the tournaments he played, Woods replied, "On the first day of the year."

"My goal is to go out there and win every time," he said. "Obviously, it's not going to happen, but my goal is to compete and win everything. I did think it's possible. And I think it's possible in the future."

Woods transcended his sport

like few others. His name alone — Tiger — became a new definition for the highest level of performance — in sports, politics and on Wall Street.

Woods does things like no one else, and not just some of the outrageous shots he produces at some of the most crucial times in tournaments.

He became the first player to finish under par in every tournament he played, and he has not

finished over par since the 1999 British Open at Carnoustie, a streak of 25 starts. His record of 47 rounds at par or better included three majors, and he went 64 holes in a major championship without making a bogey.

"Cut him open and I'll tell you what you'll find — a bunch of wires and levers, and a big heart," Rocca Mediate said.

"Typically ho-hum about everything he does, Woods admitted

his three straight majors were indeed something special.

"The reason is, they're played on three different types of venues, three different settings, three differing feelings, three different everything," he said. "Winning a major in and of itself is so difficult. And when you factor in the pressures of people coming at you on Sunday, career Grand Slam, all of those, it's a pretty impressive feat."

And possibly the most important one of the entire trip.

## Notes:

Yavapai freshman Shae Lee Ferguson (11.5 ppg) is the daughter of Grant's best friend Shaylee Ferguson, who lives in Sugar City.

Besides playing three games at the tournament, CSI has a full docket of extracurricular activities while in the Grand Canyon state. Upon its arrival into Phoenix today, the team heads to Bank One Ballpark to watch the University of Tennessee women's basketball team face Arizona State. After CSI's last game Saturday afternoon, Grant said the team will head to Scottsdale, Ariz., to scour SWAC rival Dixie State, who is playing that night at the Scottsdale College Holiday tournament.

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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

## Donnie Nelson to coach Dallas in father's absence

DALLAS — When Don Nelson leaves the Dallas Mavericks next week for treatment of his prostate cancer, son Donnie will be the team's coach, not Del Harris.

Harris, who won 556 games in 13-plus seasons as an NBA head coach for three different teams, decided that he was better suited to continue in the role for which he was hired: an assistant coach in charge of the Mavericks' defense.

"It's a great system, but I found it to be a system different from the way my instincts are," Harris said. "I think I make a good helper in the system. In this situation, I thought it better for the team to let it the way we're doing it here."

While Donnie Nelson will never be an NBA head coach, other than replacing his father following ejections and illnesses, he knows the system. He has been an assistant coach for his father nine years, the last two in Dallas, and also serves as director of player personnel.

Donnie Nelson has coached summer leagues and Lithuania's Olympic team, which won the bronze medal in Sydney after nearly upsetting the United States in a semifinal.

The elder Nelson will leave the team following a home game against Detroit next Wednesday for an operation in Salt Lake City. Donnie's debut will come during a five-game road trip that begins Jan. 5 at Toronto.

After surgery, Don Nelson faces a recuperation time of 6-to-8 weeks, a time when the Mavericks will play 20-to-26 games.

## Georgia names Richt as new head coach

ATHENS, Ga. — By day, Mark Richt is the offensive coordinator at Florida State, at least for another week. At night, he'll get started on his new job — Georgia coach.

Richt formally accepted his first head coaching position Tuesday, taking over a program that fired Jim Donnan despite a 40-19 record and four straight bowl victories.

Georgia athletic director Vince Dooley allowed Richt to remain on Bobby Bowden's staff until after the Jan. 3 Orange Bowl, when No. 3 Florida State meets top-ranked Oklahoma.

A 1982 graduate of Miami, where he was a backup quarterback to Jim Kelly, Richt joined the Florida State staff three years later. His tenure was interrupted by a one-year break in 1989 when he served as East Carolina's offensive coordinator.

## Hornets activate Coleman from injury list

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Forward Derrick Coleman, sidelined for nearly six weeks, was activated Tuesday by the Charlotte Hornets.

Coleman was placed on the injured list Nov. 18 because he was overweight and out of shape. He had missed the entire preseason and the first four games of the regular season because of an irregular heartbeat.

Before being deactivated, Coleman played six games, averaging 8.5 points, 6.3 rebounds and 1.17 blocks.

To make room for Coleman, forward Eddie Robinson was placed on the injured list with a bruised tailbone.

## Seven Olympians join U.S. Women's National Team

CHICAGO — Seven players from the U.S. Olympic soccer team were named to the U.S. Women's National Team on Tuesday.

Tiffeny Milbrett, Christie Pearce, Kate Sorensen, Siri Mullinix, Michelle French, Lorrie Fair and Nikki Serlenga will be among the 18-member U.S. national team traveling to China in mid-January to face that country's powerful national team.

The six Olympic veterans give the national team experience in international play, said coach April Heinrichs.

The remainder of the team is made up of five collegiate players and six players who were high picks in the recent Women's Soccer Association player draft.

The veteran players, all under the age of 24 except Milbrett, will lead the first trip by an American team to China since 1998.

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## Bowl

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8,000 to 10,000 fans to last year's Mobile Alabama Bowl.

Still, McIngvale thinks the absence of the Bluebonnet Bowl, which played its last game in 1987, will have fans hungry for a bowl game.

"Houston is a football town," McIngvale said. "We have been without the NFL for several years now, and it's coming back. The college bowl game is coming back."

Texas Tech (7-5), the No. 7 team from the Big 12, and East Carolina (7-4), Conference USA's third-place team, expect to put on a good show regardless of weather or attendance.

"If you are the first anything it's exciting," Tech first year coach Mike Leach said.

Both teams offer potentially high-scoring offenses with Tech led by quarterback Kliff Kingsbury and East Carolina's

more balanced offense, led by junior quarterback David Garrard.

"It's going to be a big challenge," Garrard said. "We have to step up and play like it's our last game. It is the last game of the season but we've got to play like it's the last game you'll play in your life."

East Carolina's defense will also have a big problems with Tech's pass-oriented offense. Kingsbury was quick to grasp the offense Leach brought from Oklahoma that helped propel the Sooners into the national spotlight.

"We may come in with a different notion but the ball always ends up in the air about 50 times," Kingsbury said. "My arm's been tired since about the eighth game but you can't complain. Growing up, you dream of throwing that much."

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# Hrdina rallies Penguins for 5-3 victory

**BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)** — Jan Hrdina had a goal and two assists as the Pittsburgh Penguins rallied for a 5-3 victory Tuesday night over the Buffalo Sabres.

Alexei Kovalev, Robert Lang, Martin Straka and Josef Reinhart had a goal and assist each for Pittsburgh, which overcame a 3-1 first-period deficit. The Penguins were 0-3-3 in their last six games and won for only the second time (2-4-3) since Mario Lemieux officially announced his intention to end his 3.5-year retirement.

## Thrashers 5, Maple Leafs 3

**ATLANTA** — Hnat Domenichelli scored twice as Atlanta jumped out to a four-goal lead in the first period before holding off Toronto.

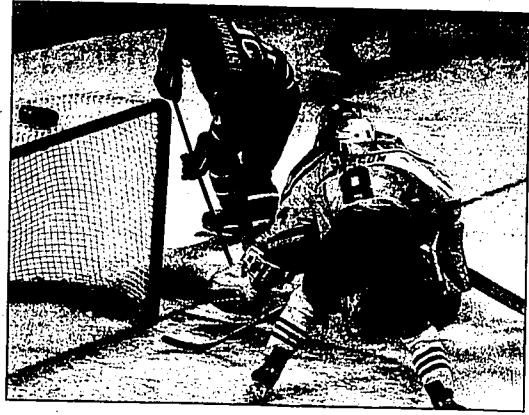
Atlanta's 14th victory tied the Thrashers' win total of last season, their first in the NHL.

Mark Huilicca stopped 34 shots for the Thrashers, who reached .500 for just the second time in franchise history. Huilicca, the backup to Damien Rhodes, has won five of his last six games.

## Lightning 3, Hurricanes 2

**TAMPA, Fla.** — Rookie scoring leader Brad Richards had a goal and an assist as Tampa Bay beat Carolina.

Richards set up Tampa Bay's first goal early in the second peri-



od and then scored his 11th of the season later in the period to give the Lightning a 3-1 lead. Richards leads NHL rookies with 30 points.

## Blues 5, Blue Jackets 0

**ST. LOUIS** — Rookie Brent Johnson stopped 24 shots and Pavol Demitra scored two goals and had two assists as St. Louis

beat Columbus.

Scott Young also scored twice for St. Louis, which extended its unbeaten streak to 12 (11-0-1) games — tying the team mark set in 1968-69 season.

Pierre Turgeon, who had three assists, ended his 1,100th career point on Demitra's 19th goal this season.

**Predators 5, Avalanche 2**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Scott Walker scored a career-high three goals and Mike Dunham made 28 saves, leading Nashville past Colorado.

The win snapped an eight-game Avalanche unbeaten streak against the Predators (5-0-3) that dated to Oct. 31, 1998.

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# MONEY

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## BizFACTS



### Top films abroad

American Firs with the highest box office success in foreign markets in 2000, according to BoxOffice.com.
<b>Mission: Impossible 2</b> \$17.1 million
<b>Gladiator</b> \$12.5 million
<b>American Beauty</b> \$12.1 million
<b>Toy Story 2</b> \$12.0 million
<b>The Sixth Sense</b> \$11.9 million
<b>Die Hard With a Vengeance</b> \$11.8 million

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Downtown leader:

#### Giveaway car unclaimed

TWIN FALLS - Downtown merchants are still waiting to give away the car that was purchased for their annual Christmas-shopping promotion.

The person holding the winning ticket had not come forward, Historic Old Towne Business Improvement District Executive Director Tim Jones said Tuesday afternoon.

The winning ticket number is 8374205. The person holding that ticket has until Friday to contact the BID office at 733-3434, he said.

After Friday, the BID will continue to post the new winning numbers (10 numbers were drawn) until a winner comes forward, Jones said.

#### Downtown Jerome puts merchants group on hold

JEROME - A group of downtown Jerome merchants has decided to hold off on plans to form a merchants' association until spring 2001.

There just wasn't enough support from local merchants to make the group work, said the group's chairman, Ross Foster.

The group's main focus was to market and advertise the variety of merchants and businesses in the downtown-area through events and other activities, he said.

Those goals will be revisited when the group re-forms in spring, Foster said.

#### Milk production down while meat production stays same

BOISE - Idaho's milk production during November fell 4.3 percent, while commercial red meat production remained the same during the same period, the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service reported.

Average milk production per cow in November was 1,680 pounds, the same amount as during the same period in 1999. In October of this year, average production per cow was 1,760 pounds. The average number of milk cows in November was 357,000, 28,000 more than in November 1999.

Earlier this month, the number of cattle on feed for the slaughter market was 325,000 head up 2 percent from December 1999.

Placements of cattle into state feedlots during November totaled 64,000 head, down 2,000 from November 1999.

#### Court enters judgment for securities violations

BOISE - A court order finds that Utah-based Worldwide Financial LLC violated the Idaho Securities Act.

Gavin Gee, director of the Idaho Department of Finance, announced fifth District Judge Don L. Harding entered judgment and a permanent injunction against the Providence, Utah, company.

Worldwide Financial's founder, Steven James Cook, allegedly lost his license as a securities salesman in 1996, but continued selling bonds and debentures in his company.

The securities were not registered for sale and appear to be worthless. Gee reported in a statement. The state also alleged Cook misrepresented and omitted information in an effort to persuade people to invest.

The court's order enjoins Worldwide Financial from offering or selling unregistered securities through an unregistered salesman, and engaging in misrepresentations or omissions in connection with an offer, sale or purchase of a security.

The court also ordered the company to repay investors. The state estimates investors - including Idaho residents - lost about \$4 million.

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### BridgeNews

LOS ANGELES - The holidays didn't provide much Christmas cheer for major department stores and value-priced retailers over the weekend, as early sales results suggested December is set to disappoint.

In the week through Christmas Eve, sales perked up, but certain retailers - including Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Federated Department Stores Inc., which both have Magic Valley stores - said that wasn't enough to offset sluggishness in the first three weeks of December. The result: below-plan December sales and soft fourth-quarter profits at many retailers.

Taking a cut from the companies' sales comments Tuesday, Shari Ebert, analyst at J.P. Morgan in New York, lowered her fourth-quarter earnings estimates for Wal-Mart and Federated.

Ebert now expects Wal-Mart to earn 45 cents per share in the quarter through January, down from 47 cents before the weekend. The First Call/Thomson Financial consensus analyst estimate

activity by retailers. There was an extra weekend between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year, resulting in a surge of buying over the latest weekend. Most retailers are scheduled to report December same-store sales Jan. 4.

Wal-Mart said Tuesday morning that same-store sales - revenues from stores open at least a year - in the five-week period from Nov. 25 to Dec. 29 are projected to come in lower than original projections. Wal-Mart's most recent forecast was for a year-on-year rise of 3 to 5 percent in comparable sales.

"I would expect 2 percent to 3 percent comps" for Wal-Mart, said John Lawrence, analyst at Morgan Keegan & Co. in Memphis, Tenn.

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mate is 46 cents. Federated's fourth-quarter earnings are now seen at \$2.12, down from a previous forecast of \$2.15. The consensus view is \$2.11.

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## Holiday sales disappoint; profits may suffer

### Online holiday sales double in 2000

#### BridgeNews

LOS ANGELES - Online holiday shopping doubled this year from 1999 as sales surged in the first week of November and remained buoyant, according to a study Tuesday.

The picture of a robust e-commerce sector was reflected by Yahoo Inc., the world's most visited portal on the World Wide Web, which said order volumes at its shopping service was nearly twice as big as year-ago levels.

A survey by PC Data/Goldman Sachs showed online spending at \$8.7 billion since the first week of November, more than double the \$4.2 billion in the same period last year.

Spending in the week ended Dec. 17 was \$1.6 billion, up slightly from the previous week's \$1.5 billion and compared with \$878 million during the same week in 1999. Strong categories in the latest week included apparel, up 59 percent from a year earlier.

## Truck law hurts small haulers

The Associated Press

NAMPA - The new law that held settle a multimillion-dollar lawsuit against the state has some truckers in this bind that legislators are trying to undo to prevent shutting down small trucking outfits.

"If we've created a grossly unfair situation, we ought to work at some kind of a fix," said Sen. Darrel Deide of Caldwell.

Deide, along with fellow Senate Transportation Committee member Jerry Thorne of Nampa, is working on a bill that distributes some of the burden caused by the state's new truck registration system.

"It's hurting us a lot," said Virginia Caldwell, who with her husband has two trucks to haul commodities. This year, with tripled and quadrupled registration fees, some truckers like the Caldwell's are choosing to run fewer trucks or find other ways to cut costs.

The turnaround came in the last legislative session when a judge ruled the state's two-tiered registration system was unconstitutional. It had charged truckers based on their weight and mileage. The court ruled the state's practice of giving a cheaper rate to agriculture and resource haulers violated the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

The new system, adopted by lawmakers along with a \$27 million settlement with the American Trucking Association, charges truckers a flat fee based on a range of miles the trucks travel.

Trucks registered to travel up to 7,500 miles pay the lowest amount. But truckers that run the state's newly designated midrange - 7,500 to 50,000 miles - end up paying quadruple the amount they used to pay.

The Caldwell's 80,000-pound truck, which used to cost \$37 for a 7,500-mile run, now ends up costing \$1,920 even if it only runs travels more typical 10,000 or 20,000 miles.

Virginia Caldwell said they will operate only one truck because it now costs as much this year to license one truck as it did to register two. They are not alone.

Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Evan Frasure said he has been bombarded by phone calls from truckers who want the Legislature to do something.

Small truckers, Frasure said, do not feel they were heard when lawmakers adopted the new fee schedule.

"It finally hit them in the face," the Pocatello Republican said.

He expects the Legislature will opt to create more small-mileage brackets. But if the new measure cuts the state's income from mid-range truckers, lawmakers likely will have someone else make up the difference, possibly with the long-haulers.

## TIRE KING



Les Schwab stands next to some of his tires Dec. 10 in Prineville, Ore. Les Schwab Tire Centers Inc., a Prineville-based regional retailer will do a billion dollars in sales this year for the first time, according to the company.

## Les Schwab breaks \$1 billion mark

The Associated Press

PRINEVILLE, Ore. - The tire king has a new jewel in his crown.

Les Schwab Tire Centers Inc., the Prineville-based regional retailer of tires, custom wheels and other automotive products with store locations throughout the Magic Valley, will do a billion dollars in sales this year for the first time.

Les Schwab himself can't believe it.

"When I went into business I never dreamed I'd do \$1

million, so I guess I'm a thousand times more successful than I ever thought I'd be," he said.

He now walks with a noticeable limp, and age has lined the face under the white Resistol cowboy hat that has become familiar to so many from print and television advertising. But 83-year-old Les Schwab still makes the trip from his ranch east of town to his corner office at company headquarters for at least an hour or two, six days a week.

On his office wall are about

three dozen photos of some of the earliest stores he opened, and there's no room for more. The company started in 1952 with a single outlet in Prineville; now, counting stores that are either run directly by the company or by dealers who sell Les Schwab products, there are 313.

Looking at photos of recent stores requires a walk down a hallway. Although Schwab still is keenly involved in the big-picture planning, and knows probably to the penny how the

company is doing financially, he no longer is involved in the minutiae of day-to-day operations. That job has fallen to company President Phil Wick and Tom Freedman, the chief financial officer and senior executive vice president.

But make no mistake: Schwab still is the Big Kahuna in the company offices, warehouses and distribution facilities. He knows every inch of every building - and that's a lot of building to know. With the completion of

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## Conservation could benefit Idaho consumers

The Associated Press

### Energy costs may fall if Idaho's utilities can avoid buying on the open market

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reservoirs to generate excess power in the face of California's energy crisis, the state's leaders announced.

On Dec. 14, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson issued a six-day emergency order requiring 75 Western power suppliers to sell electricity to power-strapped California, then extended that period to Dec. 27.

But the Idaho Public Utilities Commission banned Avista, Idaho Power and PacifiCorp from drafting additional water from reservoirs or through hydro plants to create excess electricity for needs outside the local system. The order followed letters in that vein from Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and U.S. Sen. Larry Craig to Richardson.

# San Diego firm may buy Nampa plant

NAMPA (AP) — One of two Zilog Inc. fabrication plants may be sold after the New Year's holiday to American Microsystems Inc. of San Diego.

The two privately held companies confirmed Friday they have had preliminary discussions about the purchase of Zilog's Mod 2 semiconductor fabrication plant here.

The announcement came four days after Zilog announced a slump in revenues and a 7 percent work force reduction that included 11 employees at the Nampa plants.

"No arrangements have been finalized and likely will not be finalized until after the first of

the year. However, both companies are optimistic that they will be able to complete the transaction," American Microsystems Inc. of San Diego.

The plant in question produces 5-inch wafers, circuit boards that hold microprocessor chips for computers and other electronic devices. Another Zilog plant fabricates 8-inch wafers.

The two Zilog plants in Nampa employ a total of 525 people, a company spokeswoman said.

American Microsystems spokeswoman Darby Collins said the Nampa employees were notified of the potential sale Friday. Zilog spokeswoman Kimberly Malancuk said the workers have

known about the negotiations for some time.

Neither spokeswoman would say how the ownership transfer would affect employment in Nampa. But American Microsystems suggested the plant would remain in operation.

"AMI believes the expertise of Zilog employees with these processes is of important strategic value to AMI and its future direction. AMI will use the facility to support several key long-term customers in the rapidly growing communications market."

Zilog's main customers, manufacturers and distributors who buy the company's specialized

semiconductors, have reported lagging sales in recent months. That caused revenues to fall and inventories to grow, the company said Monday when it announced the layoffs.

At that time, Zilog said it would be restructuring to focus its resources on developing new products.

American Microsystems Inc. pioneered the development of application-specific integrated circuits in 1966.

Its main manufacturing plant is in Pocatello, where 1,100 of the company's 1,863 workers are employed. Other fabrication plants are in Europe and the Philippines.

## Tires

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two massive structures of \$50,000 and 452,000 square feet on a ridge above town, the corporation now has 2.5 million square feet in Prineville alone.

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Store managers can earn six-figure incomes. The first year, Schwab contributed \$24,000 to an employee retirement fund; this year, the company will contribute \$16 million to the fund, which already has topped \$300 million. That's in addition to healthy bonuses, medical insurance and dividend checks.

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## IRS may ask for proof of donated vehicle's value

The Washington Post

Bogus charities or those that don't operate their programs properly can get themselves and you into trouble.

Next, understand that the deductible amount is the fair market value, which is what a willing buyer would pay a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction. This may or may not be the value listed in such sources as the Kelley Blue Book and the National Automobile Dealers Association used-car guide. These values in those guides are generalizations, and your car could be a lot nicer, or a lot crummier, than the book assumes.

"You're supposed to have some reasonable guess as to its fair value," Auerbach said. But "what people don't do is take into consideration the condition the car is in."

Most charities will take it even with a blown engine or other major mechanical problem. But the presence of such defects means the vehicle's fair market value is lower than one in runnning condition.

"A lot of organizations will give you the Blue Book value. That's not necessarily the same thing," as the fair market value, Auerbach said. The book might show a value of \$1,000 if you tried to sell it independently, he noted.

At the Salvation Army, which has an extensive auto donation program, William Madison, administrator for Washington and suburban Maryland, said his group has NADA software and will give donors a printout that shows several values, including "retail" and "trade-in" amounts.

The software will deduct for high mileage as well, he said.

That's looking for trouble, said Auerbach, an accountant based in Vienna, Va.

The Internal Revenue Service, because of the ads that are running all over the place, has told people in meetings that this is a high-audit issue. The issue is: Are you going to be looking for it, Auerbach said.

Of course, the IRS may be bluffing. Congress in the past several years has made clear its distaste for actual enforcement of the tax laws in effect. It has cut the agency's budget for revenue agents, in-person audits and other on-the-beat activities.

But if you've got a car or other vehicle you'd really like to donate and you'd prefer not to play the audit lottery, experts advise taking steps to justify any deduction you take.

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## Woman will skip through life

The Associated Press

**SA FRANCIS-CO** — She's a cross between the Cat and Superwoman as she bounces among the downtown suits and skirts, shouting "Skippers, skip on!" through a megaphone.

Her "magic" royal blue velvet cape flaps behind her and a red, white and blue top hat flounces atop her head as she leads a handful of fellow skippers down the sidewalk. Passers-by do doubletakes and scoot out of their way. Some smile in delight, others roll their eyes.

Homeless people ask her for money; she makes them skip for it. Kids on bicycles mock her; she tells them to "skip off."

Even in anything-goes San Francisco, Kim Corbin is an attention-getter.

"There's some unwritten law that says, 'Adults don't skip,'" she says. "If someone wants to skip, then they should be able to do that. I feel that negativity has been ruling the roost for an awful long time."

Corbin, 31, is now a professional skipper. Really.

Since quitting her job at a book publishing company this year, the blond-haired, blue-eyed former elementary teaching assistant has lined up funding from a fitness organization.

She calls it her



Kim Corbin, left, Bob Pennypacker and Victoria Stolnaki skip in downtown San Francisco Dec. 19. Corbin quit her job at a book publishing company and plans to skip around the United States to promote fitness and a gentle rebellion against conformity.

gentle rebellion against conformity — a message she'll soon take nationwide as she promotes fitness in America's schools.

She soon found she wasn't alone. There are now head skippers in 32 cities who have connected to Corbin, the self-proclaimed Skipping Queen, through e-mail and Web postings.

Still, Corbin admits the first time was hard. While skipping down the street from her Nob Hill apartment, she felt embarrassed as people shot funny or fearful looks her way.

Now 25 pounds lighter and immeasurably happier, Corbin no longer feels ashamed of her inner child. She unleashes that spirit every day as she

skips through downtown.

"I have found passion in my life. I'm so much happier, stronger and more content," Corbin said.

"I skip to the gym, I skip on the treadmill. It's so fun, especially when there's two runners on both sides of you."

Times got hard in August, though. All of her freelance publishing work dried up, and no companies were biting on the sponsorship packets she mailed out for her Web site.

"In the summer it got scary," she said.

"I was paying my rent with those

American Express check things."

Then September, she did an Internet search for nonprofits and found the future at Novato-based Project Fit America, which promotes fitness in public schools.

She and executive director Stacy Cook immediately hit it off and combined their visions to form the National Fitness Sweepstakes for Kids.

"With her media attention and the thousands and thousands of people following her, we wanted to turn the spotlight on to Project Fit for the

good of kids," Cook said. "We're promoting the need for kids to be active. But whether you're 7 or 75 you need to be active."

The organization reaches about 320 school systems in 38 states. Cook is hopeful Corbin will persuade thousands of children and parents to exercise together by touring the country in a Webcam-equipped RV in the fall of 2002.

Corbin also is writing a book, "Called to Skip." And on Sunday afternoons, her entourage skips through Golden Gate Park, encouraging anyone who dries to join them.

"I think this is a calling. It's been quite an interesting spiritual journey for me," she said. "I make it into a game. Just sneak in five steps wherever you are and no one is even going to notice it. Your inner kid goes, 'Heel! Heel! I like you got away with something.'"

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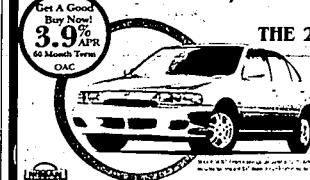
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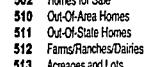
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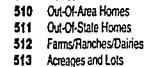
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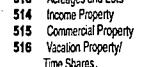
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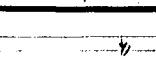
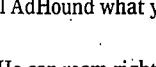
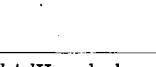
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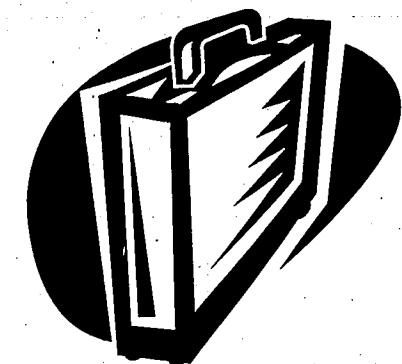
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Twin Falls, Idaho 83301,

on Friday, January 12, 2001

at 1:00 p.m. local prevailing

time, for five (5) or more

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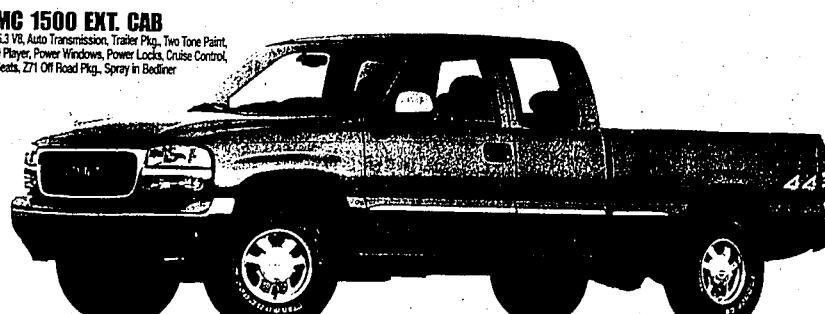
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